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COMMENT OF THE DAY

The Hongkong Stadium

THE Hongkong Football Association wants to know, in view of its agreement with Government, by whose authority the Police opened the Hongkong Stadium to absorb the overflow audience for Dr Billy Graham's rally last week.

That's quite a good question, but so far as the public is concerned, there is another that is better and more important. It is: what is the agreement between the HKFA and Government which gives the Football Association authority to question the right of the Police to open the stadium to the public?

It seems about time the record was put straight about the Hongkong Stadium—who owns it, for whose benefit was it built, and for what purposes it is intended. Indisputably it was designed and constructed by the Public Works Department and financed from public funds. The stadium therefore belongs to Government who holds it in trust for the community. It is foremost a sports stadium, but as was made officially clear when it was opened, it is there to serve other purposes also—presumably including a revivalists' overflow meeting.

At Monday's meeting of the HKFA Council considerable stress was laid on the Association's powers to allocate the stadium for public use. We feel the Colony should be told more about this. In fact it is high time the text of the agreement between Government and the Football Association (which acts as administrators of the stadium) be made public.

Why all the secrecy? How can the general public be satisfied that there has been a "trespass and a violation of the agreement" unless it is aware of the precise terms of the Football Association's covenant with Government. If an agreement can be regarded as violated because the Police, meeting an emergency, take over the stadium to accommodate members of the public, then it must be a strangely worded treaty.

THE inference is that the Hongkong Football Association has undisputed powers to allocate or withhold allocation of the stadium according to its own inclinations. Perhaps this is not so, but at the moment only the HKFA and Government know. And this is a stadium paid for out of Treasury funds, and provided for the benefit of the Colony as a whole!

It is agreed Government acted reasonably in appointing administrators for the stadium and it is not suggested that the Hongkong Football Association is anything but well qualified and trustworthy to fulfil the functions. Nevertheless the terms of its trust have been withheld from the public, who, quite naturally, are puzzled and confused when they read that opening of the stadium at night time by the Police without HKFA authorisation is a violation of an agreement.

Organisations and associations which cater not only for sports and athletics, but other activities, are entitled to know just where they stand when it comes to seeking use of the Hongkong Stadium for public performances.

We suggest Government clarify the whole situation without delay.



Makarios

MAKARIOS SENDS S-O-S CALL

GREEK SPEAKING MP FLYING TO CYPRUS

TALKS AGAIN NEAR DEADLOCK

From DAVID BURK

Nicosia, Feb. 21.

In response to a telephone SOS from Archbishop Makarios, Mr Francis Noel-Baker is flying to Cyprus again tonight. Greek-speaking, Socialist MP Noel-Baker was in the Colony ten days ago.

NOW FEARS OF FLU EPIDEMIC

If Europe's Freeze Ends Too Quickly

Medical experts hoped today that Europe would emerge from its three-week deep freeze gradually — because a sudden thaw might cause a serious outbreak of flu.

So far, according to European medical opinion, the bitter cold has kept flu germs inactive. None of the 750 deaths attributed to the worst winter in modern memory has been caused by influenza. And doctors said that if the temperature rose gradually, people would have a chance to adjust themselves to the change and the danger of the disease would be lessened. So far Italy is the only nation to experience a major outbreak of the flu. More than 350,000 cases were reported in Rome earlier this month but it does not seem to be spreading.

SUN—BUT MORE COLD

The sun finally shone in Italy today, but the weatherman warned that it was only a lull before a renewed onslaught of cold and snow.

Ice floes cut off most of Denmark's population. Giant Scandinavian airliners were taken off the Polar route to the United States and used to ferry Danes across the ice-blocked "great belt" between the Danish mainland, Copenhagen and the majority of Denmark's population are on Sealand.

In London, the Air Ministry predicted scattered snow and severe cold, throughout the British Isles.

bridges and buildings along the river's banks.

A five-mile stretch of the Seine at Melun, 25 miles from the centre of Paris, is now ice covered. The river is frozen solid at each bank and the ice varies in thickness in the middle of the river from 6 to 14 feet.

TERRIFIC PRESSURE

It is estimated that the bridge of Ponthierry (near Melun) alone is at the moment withstanding a pressure of 800,000 tons of ice packed around it.

The opening of the dams, while relieving such pressure would also leave stranded on the river's upper reaches thousands of boats moored to the banks as the upper levels go down.

Many of the Seines tributaries are completely frozen over. A sudden thaw, on the other hand, would, it is feared, cause widespread floods, as the dams could no longer be closed.—France-Press.

Then, with the blessing of both Socialist and Tory parties in Britain, he won the esteem of the Governor, Sir John Harding and Archbishop Makarios by acting as an unofficial go-between.

Now the archbishop has called him in again at a crucial moment in the negotiations with the Governor over the island's future.

With his Cabinet-style Church Council, Archbishop Makarios has been discussing the Governor's answer to an amnesty demand for convicted Cypriots and others arrested under the emergency laws.

PARDON FOR KILLERS

The archbishop, with his long-lived fervent pressure behind him, demands a free pardon even for killers.

The British believe if they persuade Makarios to operate in framing a constitution for Cyprus it would be possible to release minor offenders and suspects, but for the killers the law must take its course.

Last night Archbishop Makarios was preparing to tell Sir John Harding: "We insist on an amnesty for all."

Then he thought of a little sideline bargaining, reached for the telephone, and called Mr Noel-Baker.

Now the negotiators are waiting for the MP's plane.—London Express Service.

ADENAUER'S 'WORST' SETBACK

Bonn, Feb. 21. A depressed group of 250 Christian Democratic deputies gathered in the Parliament building in Bonn today to hold a post-mortem on the party's defeat in the State elections at Dusseldorf yesterday.

The North Rhine-Westphalia parliament, by 102 votes to 98, dismissed Herr Karl Arnold, the Christian Democrat who had ruled the State since 1947, and installed a Social Democrat, Herr Fritz Steinbrunn, in his place.

Principal speaker at the meeting of the party in Bonn today was Dr Konrad Adenauer, the Federal Chancellor, of whom newspapers today said he had suffered one of his worst-over political setbacks.

For the first time for many years, frank criticism of Dr Adenauer was heard in the lobby from members of his own party. Younger members of the Party, especially, said that the Free Democrats would not have staged their revolt in Dusseldorf if Dr Adenauer had not kept all the reins of Government in his own hands for so long.

These members considered the new alliance of Social Democrats and Free Democrats as the pay-off for years of benevolent autocracy.

In another part of the Parliament, 50 Free Democratic deputies held a stormy meeting in which the North Rhine-Westphalia section of their party came under severe criticism for their Dusseldorf revolt.

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MP To Urge Lennox-Boyd: 'BAN HANGING IN COLONIES'

London, Feb. 21.

The death penalty should be abolished in the colonies under direct Whitehall control. But to those with their own legislative powers, it should be merely suggested.

This is the view of Mr S. T. Swinler, Socialist MP, who is to ask the Colonial Secretary what action he will take since the Commons voted against hanging in Britain.

He says he realises that application of abolition throughout the colonies is administratively difficult owing to their different stages of political advance.

He is also aware in many colonies there would be strong opposition to the policy. But he thinks it should at least be put to them for consideration. Where there is dislike of the idea, he says, the Colonial Secretary need not press the British view — which was argued solely on conditions prevailing in the United Kingdom.

Point to note: Although voted against, hanging has not yet been abolished in Britain. A free vote in the Commons is not mandatory on the government.—London Express Service.

LABOUR CENSURE MOVE DEFEATED

House Approves Govt Economic Plan

London, Feb. 21.

The House of Commons tonight endorsed the Government's latest moves to stop inflation by 325 votes to 259.

By this margin of 66 it rejected a Labour censure motion urging it to declare it had no confidence in the Government or the steps it was taking to overcome the economic crisis. These include a £38 million cut in the Government subsidy on bread and milk and a cut of £70 million in expenditure by the Government and the nationalised industries on new projects.

People buying goods on the instalment plan will have to put down a bigger deposit. The Labour motion took the form of an amendment to the Government resolution asking the House to affirm no confidence in the proposals.

The Government motion was later approved by 325 votes to 259.

Mr Hugh Gaiskell, Leader of the opposition, said he could not understand why the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Harold Macmillan, gave such a wholesale condemnation to import controls.

Mr Gaiskell went on: "After all, one fifth of our imports are still subject to import licensing. Half the dollar imports are also subject to control."

It was "extremely risky" to say Britain would have nothing to do with import controls at all.

The Opposition, he said, believed in a combination of monetary and physical control. The latter enabled the nation to "block up the weak spots in the economy."

Mr Gaiskell said he thought it "deplorable" that Mr Macmillan should cut investment on new industrial equipment at a time when other countries were increasing it.

The nation's future rested on modern equipment, he said. Mr Peter Thornycroft, President of the Board of Trade, said import restrictions would lead almost automatically and immediately to retaliation.

Mr Thornycroft said the chief obstacle to production was that the economy was overstrained.

On industrial investment he said the Government was not stopping it, but trying to moderate it. Investment had gone up 18 per cent last year and looked like rising by 17 per cent next year.

Trade Union Protest Earlier today Trade Union leaders decided to make a strong protest against Mr Macmillan's proposals.

The criticisms drawn up by the Trades Union Congress economic committee will be placed before the full TUC General Council, the governing body, tomorrow.

After approval, they will be sent on to Mr Macmillan.—Reuter.

Five Die In Plane Crash

Miami, Feb. 21.

A four-engined Air Force cargo plane crashed and exploded "like a rocket" on Palm Beach Air Force base late today, killing five crew members.

The Air Force announced that all aboard the plane were killed when it crashed from a low altitude at the edge of the Palm Beach Air Force base. The names of the dead were withheld pending notification of next of kin.

First reports from Sergeant Robert Clark of the West Palm Beach Police indicated that eight men might have perished in the roaring flames that engulfed the plane within seconds after it hit.

But the Air Force said only five men were aboard.

The Air Force identified the plane as a KC-97 Boeing strato-freighter. It said the plane crashed "while attempting a routine landing".

The plane was assigned to the Air Transport Squadron at Palm Beach Base.—United Press.

TENGKU WILL ASK

Well, What About it, Chin Peng?

Singapore, Feb. 21.

Malaya's Chief Minister, Tengku Abdul Rahman, will broadcast today to Chin Peng, the Communist terrorist leader in the Malayan jungle, Radio Malaya said today in an official statement.

The Chief Minister said on his arrival from London on Sunday that in his broadcast, he would ask Chin Peng to keep his promise to surrender his forces.

At talks between Tengku Abdul Rahman and Chin Peng at Baling, northern Malaya, in December, Chin Peng promised the Malayan Chief Minister he would surrender if the Tengku in constitutional talks in London secured control of Malaya's internal security and defence.

Tengku Abdul Rahman secured these powers in London.—Reuter.

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TASS MAN REFUSES TO REVEAL SECRETS

Washington, Feb. 21.

The highest-ranking American employee of the Russian news agency Tass refused to tell Senate investigators today whether he associated with Soviet spies.

Harry Freeman, assistant manager of the New York Tass office, first told the Senate Internal Security sub-committee he did not associate in his job with people he knew to be active in Soviet espionage.

Then he "revised" his answer and invoked the Fifth Amendment against possible self-incrimination.

Two other American employees of Tass' New York office—Hays Jones and Mrs Sasha Small Lurie—swore they had not been Communists since working for Tass. But they refused to say whether they had been Party members previously.

MOSCOW ORDER

Freeman, a small, bald, smiling man, said he had not been a Communist since 1941. He said that was the date of an office directive forbidding Tass employees to take part in any political activity.

Freeman refused to say whether he was a Communist prior to 1941. He said he had worked for Tass since 1929 and previously worked for the New York Daily Worker.

Freeman testified that Tass had about 23 employees in the United States in Bureau in New York and Washington. He said the acting manager, was Leonid Velichansky, a Soviet citizen.

The title of manager was held by Ivan Beglov, who has been back in Russia since May 1955. He listed the employees, about ten of whom were Russian.—United Press.

All Commoners

London, Feb. 21.

A Brigadier and a Lieutenant Colonel got up in the House of Commons at the same time to speak today, and the Colonel shouted "Sit down" to his higher ranking colleague.

Labour MP W. R. Williams immediately asked the Speaker if it was proper for Lt-Col. Walter Bromley-Davenport to give such orders to Brig. O. L. Prior-Palmer.

"All men are equal here," Speaker W. S. Morrison ruled. Brigadier Prior-Palmer, sat down, and Lt-Col Bromley-Davenport went on with his speech.—United Press.

Twins Charged

New York, Feb. 21.

An Ohio county grand jury in Wheeling, West Virginia today indicted 14-year-old twin brothers, Tommy and Joseph Williams, on murder charges in the bludgeoning slaying of a nine-year-old cub.—United Press.

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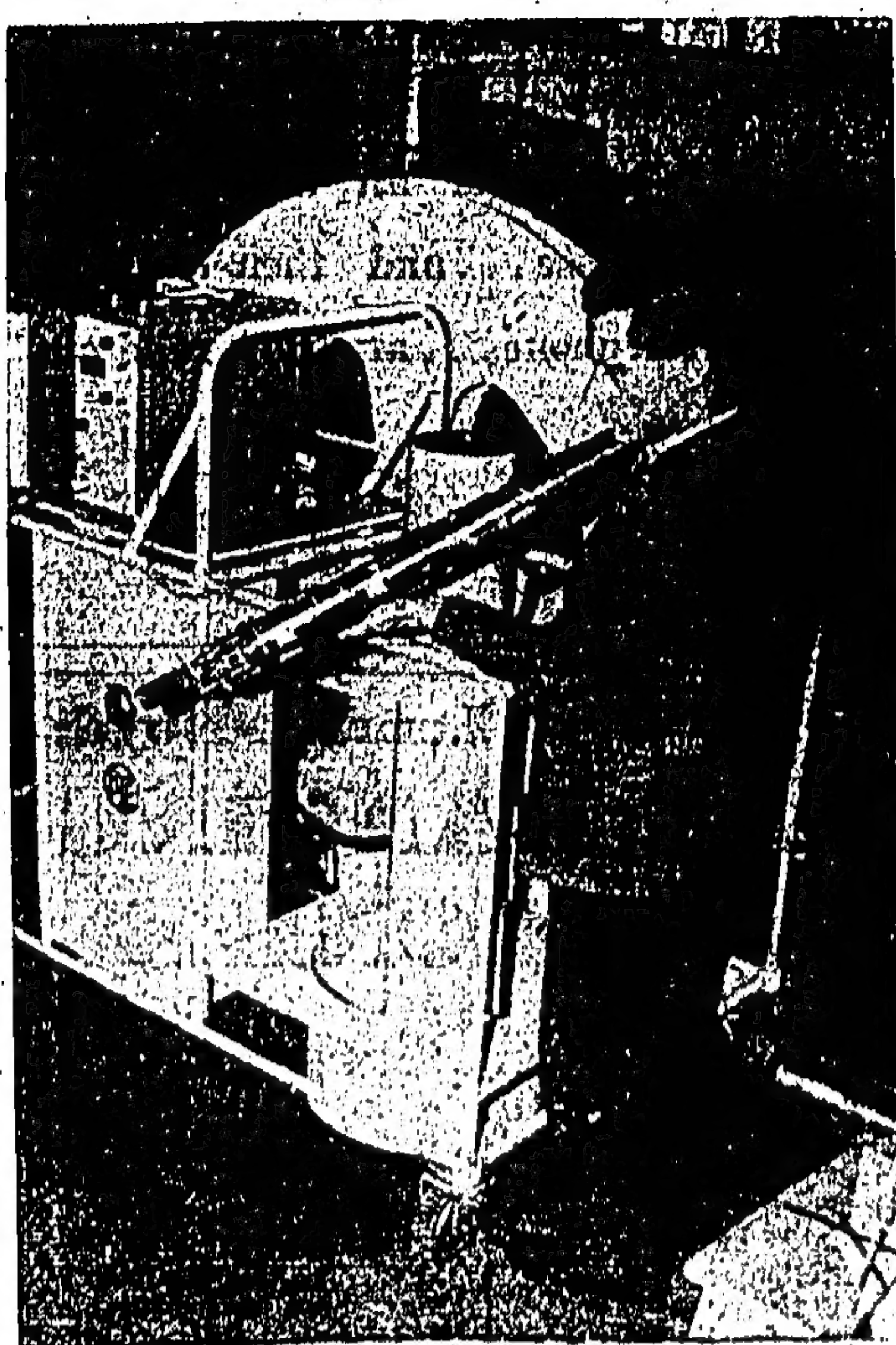
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Development engineer Mr W. L. Cruickshank is pictured with a new British television camera capable of being used inside an atomic reactor. The camera is based on normal industrial television equipment, but owing to the nature of its proposed work, special materials had to be used in its manufacture. For ease of manipulation the camera carries its own course of lighting, consisting of four small bulbs grouped round the camera lens. A system of mirrors enables viewing from all angles. — Express Photo.

Germany Discusses Creeping Inflation

London, Feb. 21.
 Dr Ludwig Erhard, West Germany's Economics Minister, today discussed with top British ministers the creeping inflation in West European economies, diplomatic sources said.

Dr Erhard, in a full day of official talks, also conferred with Mr Selwyn Lloyd, the Foreign Secretary, on the Western powers' claim that the Bonn government should continue to pay towards the costs of maintaining their troops in the Federal Republic, the sources said.

No formal decisions are likely to be taken on the wide range of economic problems being generally discussed by Dr Erhard during his six-day visit, which is being made at the British government's invitation.

Wages And Prices
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Family Of Sevens
 Bonn, Feb. 21.
 An Irishman serving at Celle is believed to be head of the biggest family attached to the North Atlantic Treaty forces in West Germany.

Warrant Officer Alfred Bunting, clerk of Works at Celle Royal Air Force station, is the seventh son of a seventh son and has seven sons himself — and five daughters too. The family lives in two married quarters. The hometown is Lurgan, in Northern Ireland. — China Mail Special.

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New Delhi, Feb. 21.
 India has suggested an informal meeting between the British Prime Minister, Sir Anthony Eden, and the Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr V. M. Molotov, the two chairmen of the 1954 Geneva conference, to explore possibilities of breaking the current Indo-China deadlock, informed sources said today.

The Indian foreign affairs expert, Mr V. K. Krishna Menon, is currently in London for discussions with his British colleagues, Mr Selwyn Lloyd. Sources said he would hand Mr Lloyd India's reply to Chinese Premier Chou En-lai's proposal for a fresh Geneva-type conference on Indo-China.

For Comment
 A copy of India's reply also was being sent to Moscow. It was recalled that Premier Chou's proposal, addressed to the two co-chairmen, was circulated for comment among the other Geneva powers and the three supervisory States (Canada, India and Poland).

Of the three supervisors, Poland alone replied, endorsing Premier Chou's proposal. The other two have not yet sent their replies.

The sources said India was not averse to the idea of a "Geneva" conference but she was aware of the practical difficulties of convening such a meeting.

Besides, she thinks the initiative should come from the two co-chairmen, not from the members of the Supervisory Commission.

No Such Threat
 The sources denied reports that India had threatened to withdraw from the Commission if the Geneva powers did not take steps to break the deadlock over Vietnam elections, scheduled for July. No such threat ever was conveyed or contemplated, they said. — United Press.

Theron Expected Montevideo At Weekend
 Montevideo, Feb. 21.
 The sealer Theron, homeward bound after establishing a base for next year's Commonwealth expedition, is expected to reach here this weekend — several days behind schedule.

The Theron, carrying the leaders of the British and New Zealand "ends" of the expedition, Dr Vivian Fuchs and Sir Edmund Hillary, was originally expected tomorrow. She is now due between Friday and Monday.

(Sir Edmund Hillary, who will lead a New Zealand expedition overland from the Ross Sea to link up near the South Pole with Dr Fuchs's team trekking from Vahsel Bay on the Weddell Sea, said in a radio message yesterday the Theron expected to reach London on March 23). — China Mail Special.

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'Situation In Algeria Is Serious'

FRENCH MINISTER URGES CLOSER CO-OPERATION

Algiers, Feb. 21.

The French Resident Minister in Algiers, M. Robert Lacoste, declared here today that "the situation of Algeria on the whole is serious."

Speaking at the opening of the budget session of the Algerian Assembly, M. Lacoste said that it would not be in the interests of France to deny the seriousness of the Algerian situation.

"It is worthwhile even to point it out to that everyone may measure the scope of his duties," M. Lacoste added.

M. Lacoste said that the French Government and Parliament were nearly unanimous in believing that decisions must be made and carried out urgently in Algeria. "My mission, therefore, is to act and to act quickly," M. Lacoste declared.

Admit More Moslems

M. Lacoste said that he respected public officials, even though they had been "sometimes so unjustly discredited." He added that he had decided to judge officials according to their acts "and not according to intentions attributed to them more or less arbitrarily."

M. Lacoste urged that more Moslem citizens be admitted into the ranks of the country's administration.

"The action taken to open public office to our Moslem citizens must be continued and accelerated, in departing—if necessary—from the usual rules of recruiting officials," M. Lacoste said.

M. Lacoste pointed out that the new budget for Algeria would improve the condition of the Algerian farmer within a short time.

Gift For Budget

He nevertheless insisted upon the industrialisation of Algeria as the "decisive factor in seeking to obtain full employment."

M. Lacoste said that for the first time in 1956, Metropolitan France would give Algeria a sum of about 15 milliard francs (about 42,755,000 dollars) for an extraordinary budget.

He added that taxes would be increased by 4 milliard francs (about 10,628,000 dollars) "in order to fight against inflationist pressure which could develop from the massive increase of public investments financed from the exterior."

M. Lacoste said that "this supplementary taxation has been set up in such a way that it will spare the mass of the Moslem population, so that it will not harm modest incomes, so that for the most part it will only strike at accumulated profit, and finally so that the cost of living will not be touched."

He said that the ordinary budget for Algeria would be increased with about 18 milliard francs (about 51,436,000 dollars), "in other words, four and a half times the additional taxes asked from Algeria."

"Thus our budget will not bear the consequences of new burdens caused by the increase of expenditure for security and sovereignty," M. Lacoste declared.

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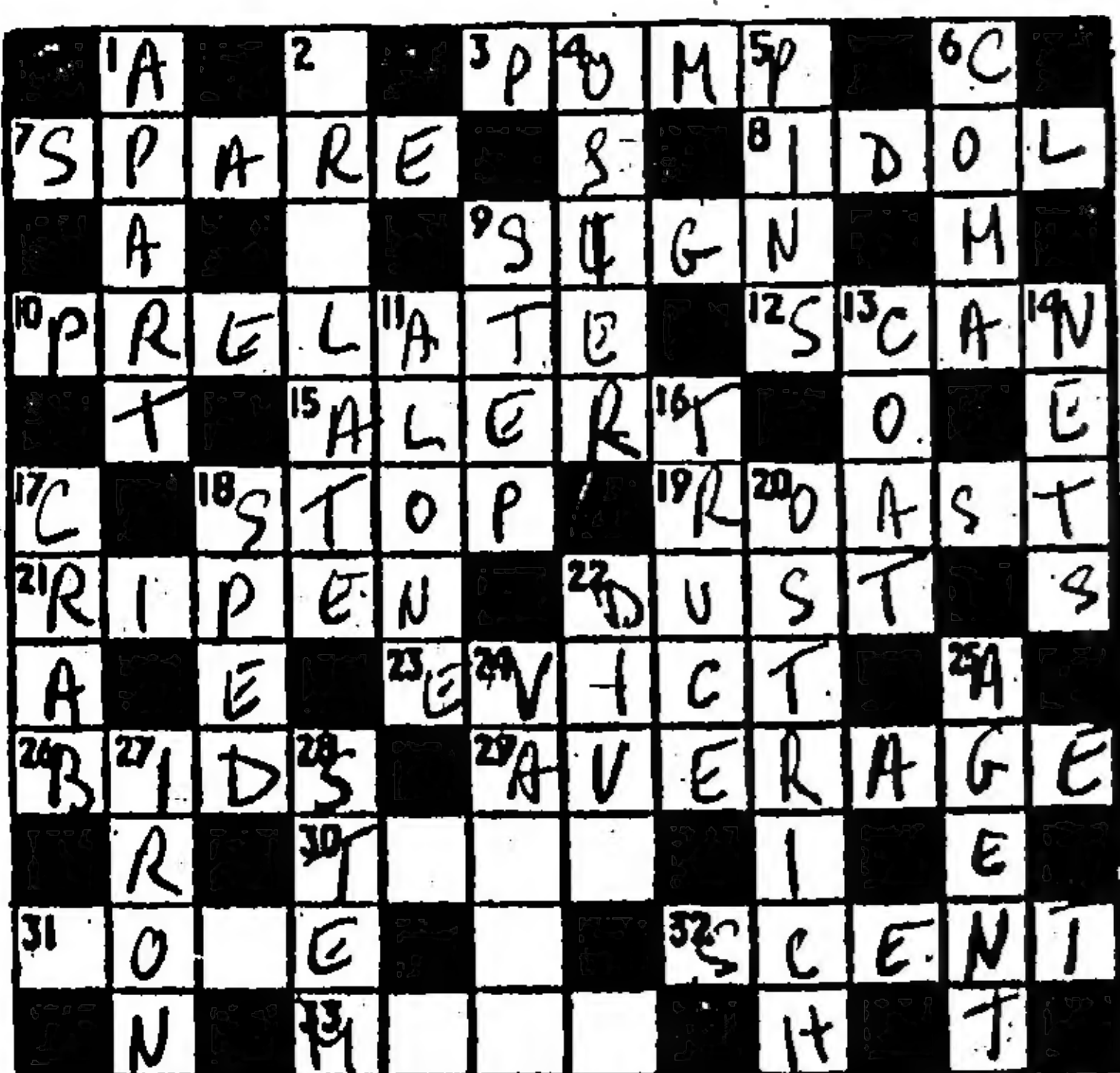
He said that the total contribution of Metropolitan France to Algeria for 1956 would amount to more than 80 milliard francs (about 228,500,000 dollars), an increase of 33 milliards (about 94,381,000 dollars) over the present contribution.

M. Lacoste declared, "the future will tell that our blind faith in a better destiny for Algeria is a genuine realism."

Realism requires "those who suffer from a precarious material situation, who want to regain their dignity, who, renouncing the spirit of fatalism, want to assume the responsibility for their destiny, to seek paths to freedom only through France," M. Lacoste declared.

He concluded by saying that the economic and social programme he had just laid out was also a political programme, because it is the indispensable means for giving economic responsibilities, for opening modern life to those whose miserable condition makes them today secondary citizens, whatever their theoretical rights.—France-Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- 3 Splendour (4).
 - 7 Lean (5).
 - 9 Object of worship (4).
 - 10 Symbol (4).
 - 12 Scrutinise (4).
 - 15 Vigilant (5).
 - 18 Arrest (5).
 - 19 Cook (5).
 - 21 Mature (5).
 - 22 Fine powder (4).
 - 23 Throw out (5).
 - 25 Offers a price (4).
 - 29 Mean (7).
 - 30 Roman garment (4).
 - 31 Donkey (colloq) (4).
 - 32 Aroma (5).
 - 33 Fitting (4).
- DOWN**
- 1 Separate (5).
 - 2 Reduce to ashes (7).
 - 4 Willow (5).
 - 5 Fasteners (4).
 - 6 Stupor (4).
 - 8 Pace (4).
 - 11 Solitary (5).
 - 13 Garment (4).
 - 14 Meshed fabrics (4).
 - 16 Armistice (5).
 - 17 Shellfish (4).
 - 18 Hastened (4).
 - 20 Bird (7).
 - 22 Prima-donna (4).
 - 24 Indefinite (5).
 - 25 Representative (5).
 - 27 Metal (4).
 - 28 Stalk (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD: Across: 1 Propel, 7 Live, 9 Baton, 10 Grime, 11 Earl, 13 Protesting, 15 Term, 16 Lose, 19 Malvolent, 22 Abet, 24 Rains, 25 Actor, 26 Earn, 27 Treble, Down: 2 Halo, 3 Fence, 4 Legato, 5 Oriental, 6 Over, 8 Image, 12 Limit, 13 Police, 14 Treating, 17 Smear, 18 Desert, 20 Ooze, 21 Exalt, 23 Drag.

Rebels Step Up Activity

Constantine, Feb. 21. REBEL activity in the Constantine region has sharply increased in the last 48 hours, it was reported here today. Outlaw bands have blocked roads, cut aqueducts and telephone lines. On Sunday alone, altogether 603 telephone poles were cut down in the region by the rebels. Two rebels were killed on Monday night in El Milia after throwing several hand grenades and bottles of flaming petrol on soldiers in the town's streets. A military convoy approaching the town was attacked. Two soldiers were wounded. Outlaws on the same night also set fire to a farm near El Arrouch and kidnapped 10 Moslem labourers. A French policeman was killed by rebels at Bida, while a police station at Ain Yaout was unsuccessfully attacked by an outlaw band.—France-Press.

Moroccan Talks Open Today

Paris, Feb. 21. THE Sultan of Morocco, Sidi Mohammed ben Youssef, today held a final conference with members of the Moroccan delegation, who will tomorrow begin negotiations with France on the independence of Morocco.

Informed sources said that the French Foreign Minister, M. Christian Pineau, in his speech at the opening session, would make a favourable reply to the points raised by the Sultan in a speech last Wednesday.

At a reception given by the President, M. René Coty, on Wednesday, the Sultan said the talks would have two aims: to make Moroccan independence a tangible reality and to define the links of inter-dependence governing relations between Morocco and France.

At the same time, the Sultan raised the question of the territorial unity of Morocco. He said: "There is no real or acceptable liberty without the unity and integrity of the national territory." — France-Press.

ALLEGED SLAVERY PRACTICES

United Nations, Feb. 21. The United Nations Trusteeship Council today discussed alleged slavery practices in the French Cameroons.

The United Nations delegate to the Council, Mr. Benjamin Greig, questioned the French delegate, M. Robert Bagues, on an article which appeared in the New York press today. The article was based on a report mentioned last week in the French Union Assembly (overseas parliament) from the French Embassy at Jeddah.

The report stated that Saudi Arabian merchants had sent agents to the Sudan, the Niger and Volta river regions, to organise nefarious pilgrimages to Mecca. The "pilgrims" were then sold on their arrival in Saudi Arabia.

The French delegate, who said the trade was very small, promised to put all the information at his disposal before the Council.—France-Press.

Peru Rebels Call For Support

Bogota, Feb. 21. Peruvian rebel broadcastists from Iquitos, Northern Peru, were heard here today after a three-day silence. They called on the other Peruvian provinces to join Loreto Province, where General Marcelino Morúa started a revolt against President Manuel Odría's government last Thursday.

Speakers from General Morúa's rebel "jungle division" urged the people of Iquitos to disregard the government threat of bombing the region.—France-Press.

Women Protest March In Cyprus Capital



Cypriot women are pictured during a recent protest march through the streets of the Cyprus capital of Nicosia. Banners read: "Freedom to the Political Prisoners," "Down with the New Laws," "Release All Prisoners," "Stop Building New Concentration Camps." "Do Not Part Us from Our Husbands."—Express Photo.

NATO Commander Thinks European Atom Pool Should Make Weapons

Paris, Feb. 21. French Marshal Alphonse Juin, Commander-in-Chief of the Central European Forces of NATO, today indicated that, in his opinion, the projected European atomic pool "Euratom" should be allowed to make atomic weapons.

Speaking at a ceremony in Paris attended by US Ambassador Douglas Dillon, Marshal Juin said: "We have nothing against Euratom but it is difficult to accept that it should be barred from (military) atomic manufacture."

He said that he was against making atomic weapons but that "the Russians, for their part, are manufacturing atomic devices."

Marshal Juin made his speech during a ceremony, organised by the French school for American studies, to mark the 80th birthday of General Maxime Weygand, who commanded French troops in 1940.

Infiltration Virus

The Marshal, a former French Resident-General in Morocco, appealed for French presence in North Africa. "We don't want a shrunken Europe, we want it to extend as far as Africa."

Marshal Juin branded terrorism in North Africa as an "infiltration virus." The Marshal criticised governmental instability in France, which, he said, was fatal for a country. "I am thinking of North Africa," he remarked. He referred to North Africa as his own country "which is tearing itself apart." — France-Press.

Production Race

UKRAINE, VERSUS RUSSIA

Paris, Feb. 21. Mikhail Yasnov, President of the Council of Ministers of the Russian Republic, today accepted the challenge of the Ukraine Republic to engage in a "production race," Moscow radio reported.

Mr. Yasnov, speaking at the Soviet Communist Party Congress in Moscow, invited the advantages contained in the proposal for "socialist competition," which was made at the Congress last week by the President of the Council of Ministers of the Ukraine.

New Aspect

Mr. Yasnov, who is ex-mayor of Moscow, said Soviet output would benefit from this new aspect of socialist competition, which hitherto had been limited to industrial and farm enterprises. West Germany delegate, Herr Max Reimann, conveyed to the Congress the "warm greetings of West German workers," the broadcast said. The Congress also heard a message sent by the American Communist Party, the broadcast said.—France-Press.

Coloured People Warned Against Reds

New York, Feb. 21. The National Association for the Advancement of Coloured People today issued a warning against Communist efforts to infiltrate a nation-wide civil rights assembly to be held in Washington from March 4-6.

Mr. Roy Wilkins, executive secretary of the NAACP, urged the association's 1,300 branches and youth councils to use care in selecting delegates to the assembly.

Unless this were done, he said, there was a possibility that left-wingers might capture the assembly and then "the whole civil rights movement will receive a black eye and we will get very little attention, if any, by Congress." Daily Worker urged support for the assembly, which has been called by various organisations to seek legislation in the current session of Congress against what sponsors call a "breakdown in law and order in some parts of the South."—Reuter.

Cannes, Feb. 21.

The Aga Khan, who was flown here from Egypt in a stretcher last week, was well enough today to sit up and read the newspapers. His doctors said the 78-year-old Moslem religious leader's fever has gone. Further evidence of the patient's improvement was the departure yesterday of his son, Aly, for the annual tour of the Middle East that the Aga used to take.—United Press.

American CAB Rejects Polar Route

Washington, Feb. 21. THE American Civil Aeronautics Bureau today rejected a proposal by the International Air Transport Association to establish a polar air service between Europe and Japan.

The projected service would have entailed a \$400 reduction to be made in the present price of an air ticket from Europe to Japan via the United States.

At the same time, the American body reversed a previous decision and approved a 10 per cent increase in first class fares on trans-Atlantic and trans-Pacific airlines. The increased price will come into force on April 1. It was recommended at the last conference of the IATA in Miami last September.

The American Civil Aeronautics Bureau gave its approval after most of the countries belonging to the IATA had approved the price increase.

The American body only gave temporary approval until September 30, and indicated that it would probably not renew its approval.

It called upon airlines concerned to take proposals for new price scales to come into effect after September 30.—France-Press.

PAKISTAN ADOPTS A NAME

Karachi, Feb. 21. The Pakistan Constituent Assembly today adopted a constitutional clause aimed at giving Pakistan the official title of "Islamic Republic."

Voting was 47 to 22. The bill overrode joint opposition from Hindu members of the Assembly and from the opposition "Awami League."

The hostile vote of the Hindus marked the end of the present government coalition which linked the Moslem League, the United Bengal front and Hindu parties from Bengal.—France-Press.

Students Must Return Home For 2 Years

Washington, Feb. 21. All foreign students studying in the United States will be required to live two years in their own country before returning to the United States, turning to the United States after their studies are finished, if a bill today approved by the US Senate Foreign Relations Committee becomes law. The bill has been introduced to strengthen the educational exchange system, whereby foreign students can study for two years in an American university, and at the same time learn more about the American way of life.—France-Press.

Ethiopia May Upset Aswan Dam Plans

Washington, Feb. 21.

The government of Ethiopia served notice on Egypt today that it has plans of its own for hydroelectric and irrigation projects for the Nile River which might affect Egypt's much-publicised planning for the Aswan Dam.

The Blue Nile, one of the branches of the famed river is in Ethiopia, where it is fed by a number of major streams draining that country.

The Ethiopian government, in a statement released by its Embassy in Washington, announced that such planning by Ethiopia was underway.

An Embassy spokesman, clarifying the announcement for the United Press, said his country did not know whether its project would affect Egypt's planning, but that it should give all concerned adequate notice.

Comes From Ethiopia

He said his government had not yet received enough information from either Egypt or the US to form an opinion on the effect its own planning would have on that of Egypt.

The Embassy statement pointed out that a large amount of the waters of the Nile comes from Ethiopia, where the extent and complexity of the watershed had made necessary long surveys.

"As distinguished from other areas, of the Nile, the large volume and number of water courses and the variety of engineering projects involved in Ethiopia have required a lengthy programme of analysis and co-ordination by the Imperial Ethiopian government," the statement said.

"The greatly accelerated pace at which these technical studies have been proceeding during the past 12 months testifies to the progress achieved in the technical and administrative fields."

Not Clear

The statement also said that "in the allocation of bids... financing terms and conditions will be taken into consideration."

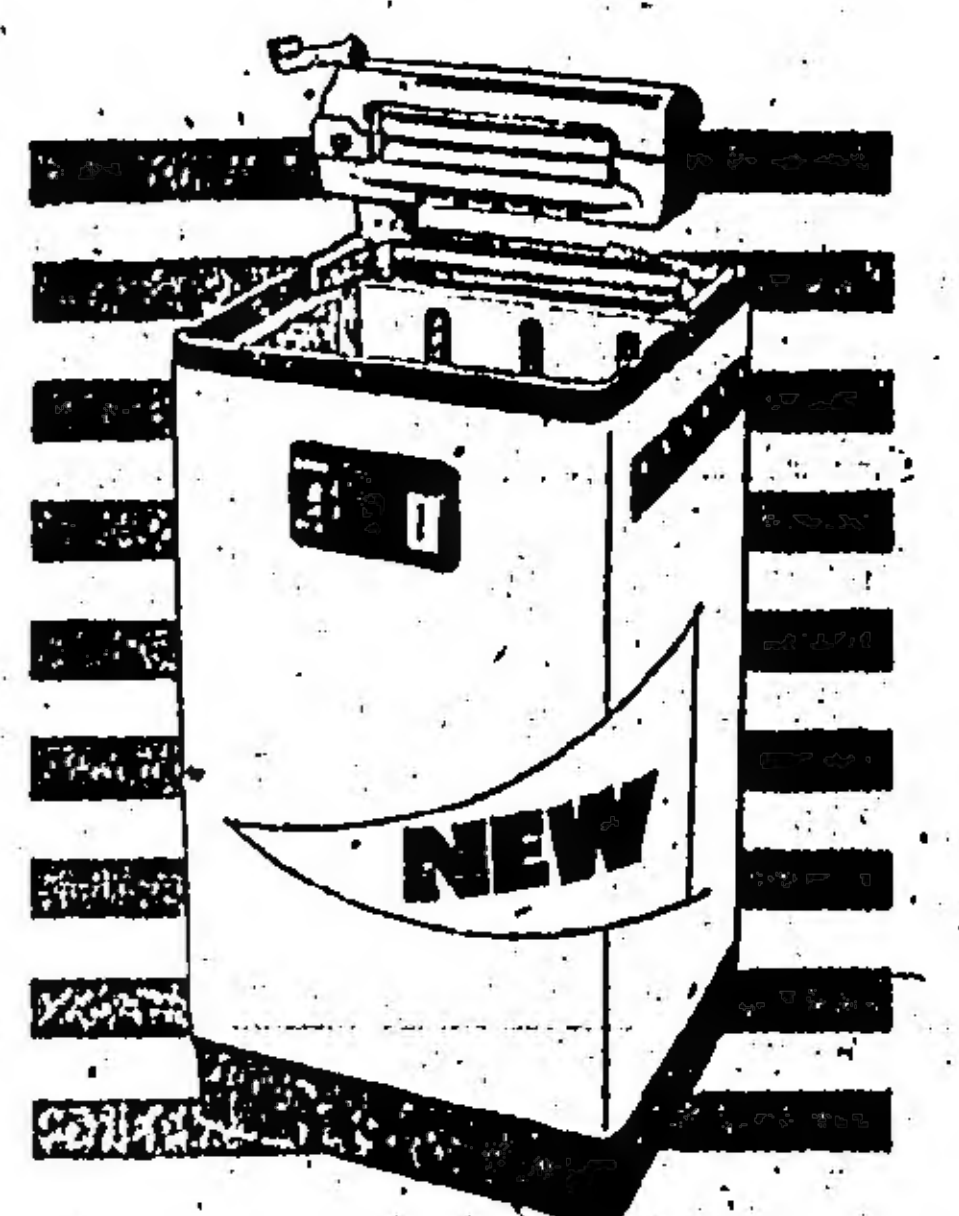
The Embassy spokesman said he did not think his government would seek US grant aid for the project, but added that it was not clear yet what loans might be sought.—United Press.

Twenty Miles By Swordfish

Wellington, Feb. 21. The first broadbill—the true swordfish—to be caught in New Zealand's famous game-fishing waters near Mayor Island since 1937 was landed by Mr. S. B. Priest after it had towed his launch more than 20 miles. The fish was 12 feet six inches long and weighed 500 pounds.—China Mail Special.

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POST-INFLUENZA depression must be a symptom known to almost everybody except a man aged (I think) 60 who lives (I think) in Dulwich, and who has never even had a cold in the nose since he first went to his office (I think) 45 years ago.

I am sorry about the "I think." But after nursing my life partner, the Plucky Little Woman, through influenza I caught it myself and lost the cutting about his horrible man. Why horrible? I don't know.

All I know is that I dislike him intensely. In fact, I would hate the sound of his name if I could remember it.

As the P.L.W. also hates him I can only put our unnatural repugnance for a complete stranger down either to a senseless fury that anybody could live in England for 45 years without catching a cold, or to this depression which has got both of us in its grip as we crouch in our armchairs glaring at the newspapers.

Vicar bites wife

I TRY to cheer up the P.L.W. by reading bits of the news to her.

I tell her about the vicar who was slated in a divorce court to have bitten his wife on the way home from their honeymoon.

I point out that although I am not a particularly religious man and certainly not as religious as a vicar should be, I have never bitten her either on our honeymoon or after. And doesn't she consider herself lucky?

The P.L.W. replies that (a) we never had a honeymoon because we were both too busy working as reporters; that (b) even if I could have found time to bite her she would have come right back at me and bitten my ears off; and that (c) as one pain is supposed to kill another, she wouldn't mind being bitten by a tiger if it would cure her headache.

She adds that as clergymen never get enough to eat, the vicar was probably not vicious but just hungry.

Stag not at bay

LATER on I read aloud the story of the stag that was hunted into an infant's playground in Suffolk.

As the P.L.W. is full of pity for stags and all hunted animals, and is so full of loathing for all hunting people that she gives three rousing cheers whenever they fall off their horses, she begs me not to read any more as she can't stand it in her weak condition.

But I tell her this is the story of a happy stag. It is never killed. It is chased only three times in a season and always taken home after the hunt.

It will live to a grand old age providing sport and old-stag-hunting practice for those who have nothing better to do.

The P.L.W. says the same argument you might as well let a prisoner out of Dartmoor three times a year to give the warden practice in old stag hunting. As this would hardly make an old stag happy she can't see why it should make an old stag happy.

I then read her the remarks of Colonel Brian Gooch, joint master of the hunt, who told a reporter:

"I am a soft-hearted man who would have no part in anything involving cruelty to animals. Our stags are well fed, beautifully housed, and at times they will eat out of your hand."

The P.L.W. says if the stag is so happy in its home why does it run away from it? We both stifle a sob when we think of the old stag wrenched from its fireplace to make a morose holiday.

Wrong address

THE P.L.W. is nearly in tears when I tell her about 90-year-old Dr James Clarke, of Walthamstow, who says he has to go on working because he needs the money.

She says she adores old doctors. They always seem to know more than the young ones, always prescribe lovely medicines with raspberry flavouring, and give you tonics that are now supposed to be out of date.

She thinks it a wicked shame that a doctor who has done so much for others should have to work at 90, and wishes Dr Clarke would visit her. She would give him a double Scotch, and they could have a cosy chat about her depression.

I tell her he would probably never find our house even if we lived at Walthamstow because his memory is failing.

According to one of the papers he called for two months, sometimes twice a day, on a man who was not ill and was not even his patient.

Quoting again, I tell her a reporter found him looking in a street for a house numbered "99 1/2" which didn't exist.

The P.L.W. says: "He had probably mixed up somebody's temperature with the number of his house. But that's nothing to laugh at."

I say, "I am not laughing. I am quoting."

The P.L.W. says, "Everybody has to grow old some time. And you're not looking so hot yourself."

When were you born?

THEN I read a letter written to a newspaper by a man who has studied astrology and believes we are at our brightest at the hour of our birth.

He points out that Sir Winston Churchill, who was born in the late evening, is always at his best at that time (his political opponents in the House of Commons must have noticed this) and then states the case of a man and wife who are never happy together because the man was born at tea-time and the wife early in the morning.

The P.L.W. thinks that such incompatibility should provide grounds for divorce.

She draws a distressing word picture of a tired, sleepy man being awakened at 5 a.m. by a vivacious wife bouncing about the bed and making bright remarks in the chilly darkness.

After this we consider the case of a policeman born, say, at lunch-time who has to go on night duty when he's at his worst. Would this account for some of the unsolved crimes? Or a comedian, born at tea-time when he feels extremely funny, going on the air at 8.30 p.m. Would this account for some of the BBC programmes?

The P.L.W. says that as I never seem very bright except in the bar of a low tavern she would like to know at what hour in the 24 I was born.

I say I don't know, but think it must have been opening time, either 11 a.m. or 6 p.m.

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HENRY THE FIRST TRIES TO STOP A WAR



THE LOVES OF HIS LIFE

Mr. and Mrs. Ford in the historic 1895 car. Henry the First's devotion to motors never lessened his affection for his family and his wife, as witness this flowery effusion (right).

*My dear little of love and...
you have loved... And the...
of peace and its joy as you...
I am a little...
you*

HENRY FORD didn't like bankers or business men or accountants. Once he went into one wing of the sprawling Ford offices and saw scores of men sitting before charts and graphs.

He said to an aide: "What does this crowd do?" He was told: "That's the statistical department, Mr. Ford."

A few minutes later Ford called in his engineers and said: "You say you want space. You haven't got enough room. Well, you can have the entire statistical department. Get those accountants out of there."

It was perhaps Ford's indifference, even contempt, for figures and orderly bookkeeping that later landed the company into such a mess, and it was Henry Ford the Second, a more meticulous man with a higher regard for figures, who got the Ford Company out of the morass.

BUT if Henry Ford the First didn't like the complexities of business he was fascinated by the complexities of world politics. Unfortunately, he considered them simple.

It was in August 1915 that Henry Ford discovered World War I. He always claimed to be a pacifist, and he hated bloodshed, although blood sometimes flowed outside the gates of his giant factories. One young reporter named Theodore Delavigne, of the Detroit Free Press, went to see Ford when it was a quiet newspaper day and the editor was looking for a "Sunday special."

Ford was impressed by Delavigne because the reporter revealed a knowledge of watches. The two men, the multi-millionaire and the 30-dollar-a-week reporter, went for a walk and began to talk about the war in Europe.

For suddenly said: "I'd give all my money and my life to stop it." The reporter said: "That's a lot of dough. How about my quoting you?" Ford told the journalist to go ahead, write what he wanted, and put it under Ford's name.

It was one of the peculiarities of Ford that he frequently allowed others to make statements in his name, and Harry Bennett, his man-of-all-work, was even allowed to sign "Henry Ford" in a facsimile of the millionaire's signature.

Decorated

DELAVIGNE went back to his typewriter and churned out five columns decorated with such phrases as: "Wasteful war," "Suicidal militarism," "Fake glory," "Chains of greed," "Clones of murder," "Vampire-like traders."

Ford was directly quoted as saying: "War is murder, desolating, destructive, cruel, heartless, and unjustified. Nothing would give me more satisfaction than to bring to an end the 6,000 years of this unjustified, 'hated,' ruthless waste, and murder."

One cannot help agreeing with these sentiments, but at that time anti-German feeling in the United States was high, and would bring an atmosphere of romance plus chie even to the Klondike By-pass—which Hollywood, for all its palm trees and splendid houses, rather resembles in the glare of noon.

Thousands of letters descended on Ford as a result.

Ford was overwhelmed, and rang up Delavigne: "You got me into this. You'd better come and get me out of it." The reporter joined Ford's staff as a personal assistant.

As a result of Ford's peace offensive a European pacifist, Rosika Schwimmer, called on Ford, and after one short interview managed to tell him the idea of Ford himself trying to stop the war personally. The plan of chartering a peace ship and sailing for Europe came a few days later.

Ford told reporters: "I intend to get the boys out of the trenches by Christmas."

This slogan was to girdle the globe. The people and the newspapers greeted Ford's ambitious plan with scepticism, then ridicule. The politicians would have little to do with it and President Wilson refused to commit himself.

Craicpots and eccentrics, show people and clowns competed to be among the passengers on the peace ship. A Canadian-American liner called Oscar the Second was chartered and invitations were sent out to the famous and the influential, but almost all the famous and influential turned the invitations down.

THERE was trouble and derision from the start. A cablegram was sent under Ford's name to the Vatican addressed not to Benedict XV, but to Benedict VII, a Pope who had been dead more than 900 years.

On the eve of the sailing some of his executives tried to talk him out of the project, but he was adamant. He said simply over and over again: "It's right to stop war, isn't it? That's what I intend to do."

The ship lifted anchor to the jangels of bands, roses were flung on to the deck from the deck, people fell into the water, several women had hysterics, and the Press had one of the glibdest and gaudiest stories for months.

During the crossing there were rows, fist-fights, and even a reported minor mutiny. Mr Ford was drenched by a wave and had to retire to his state-room with a bad cold. One English reporter realised that Ford had been locked in his cabin. By the time the Oscar the Second had docked at Oslo and after a turbulent meeting with the Press, Ford, who by then was a sick man, was beginning to wonder if his peace dove would ever fly.

A little while later he left for home disillusioned but still clinging to his ideals. He covered up the failure of the

peace ship with attempted cynicism years later. "If we had tried to break in cold into the European market after the war would have cost us 10,000,000 dollars. The peace ship cost a twentieth of that and made Ford a household word all over the Continent."

I don't think this was the real Ford speaking. He feared the ridicule so he assumed the shell of the hard business man. It was shortly after this famous fiasco that Harry Bennett came into Ford's life and perhaps changed the course of the Ford empire.

Of all the characters in the fabulous Ford story Bennett was the strangest. He wielded more influence over Ford than any person—even Mrs Ford.

Taken in tow

WITHIN a few years of joining Ford he was second in power and influence only to King Henry. Many have said his influence was bad. He and the son Edsel, who was overshadowed by his father all his life, didn't get along.

When Henry the Second was old enough to take an interest in the company he was a useful cuss of Bennett, and in the end it was Henry the Second who got rid of this extraordinary ruffian.

One of the crowd man-of-all-work who was Ford the First's right-hand man. The Hearst editor Arthur Brisbane once wrote Bennett to Ford. Brisbane was walking past the Customs House when he saw a small, tough, rough American sailor in a fight with Customs men.

Brisbane was impressed with the punching power and courage of the sailor and intervened. He took him in tow and said: "How would you like to meet Henry Ford?"

Then he told Ford about Bennett, and the industrialist said: "I can use a young man like that. So Bennett joined the Ford firm and soon became a figure at the Rouge plant."

Bennett has been accused of being responsible for the decline and near fall of the Ford empire. But as far as Henry the First was concerned Bennett could do little wrong.

Once when two newspapermen were accompanying Ford and Bennett on a motor trip Ford was asked: "Among all the stakesmen or famous people you

have met, Mr Ford, who's the greatest man?"

Henry Ford pointed a finger at Bennett and said: "Harry there."

This seems incredible, because Bennett was a toughie, an explosive-tempered braver and better-up, whose chief claim to power in the Ford Company seemed to be his ability to run the "Service Department," which were Ford's special police.

Bennett worked for Ford for almost 30 years. They toured the plant together sometimes at three in the morning. They were almost inseparable.

The executives fumed, and sometimes protested. If they protested too much they were fired. Bennett saw to that.

Ford himself always disliked firing people. He used to get others to do the job for him. The two men—the last billion-aire (although the millions were beginning to shrink)—the ex-sailor and boxer—the

gigantic organization which now included rubber plantations, mines, steamship lines, and all the elaborate paraphernalia of industry, and they ran it together like twins.

Once when Bennett went too far, Ford, said: "Harry, never try to outguess me." Ford did not pay Bennett a large salary, but he endowed him with estates and cars and other gifts.

Bennett was the strike-breaker, the trouble-shooter. He was probably the most disliked man in the Ford plant during his quarter-century or more there. No one, not even the family, could influence Henry Ford against Bennett.

Bennett has written his own defence of his career entitled "We Never Called Him Henry," and I believe some of it has the ring of truth.

Accusations
BENNETT says: "During the 30 years I worked for Henry Ford I became his most intimate companion. I was closer to him even than his only son. I have been called a thug, a gangster, a pro-Nazi, an anti-Semite. It's been said that I was fired from my job. All these accusations are just plain lies."

Bennett used to strut the Ford factories giving orders, laying down the law: "Mr Ford told me to tell you. It's all been decided by Mr Ford and myself. Mr Ford wants you to do this."

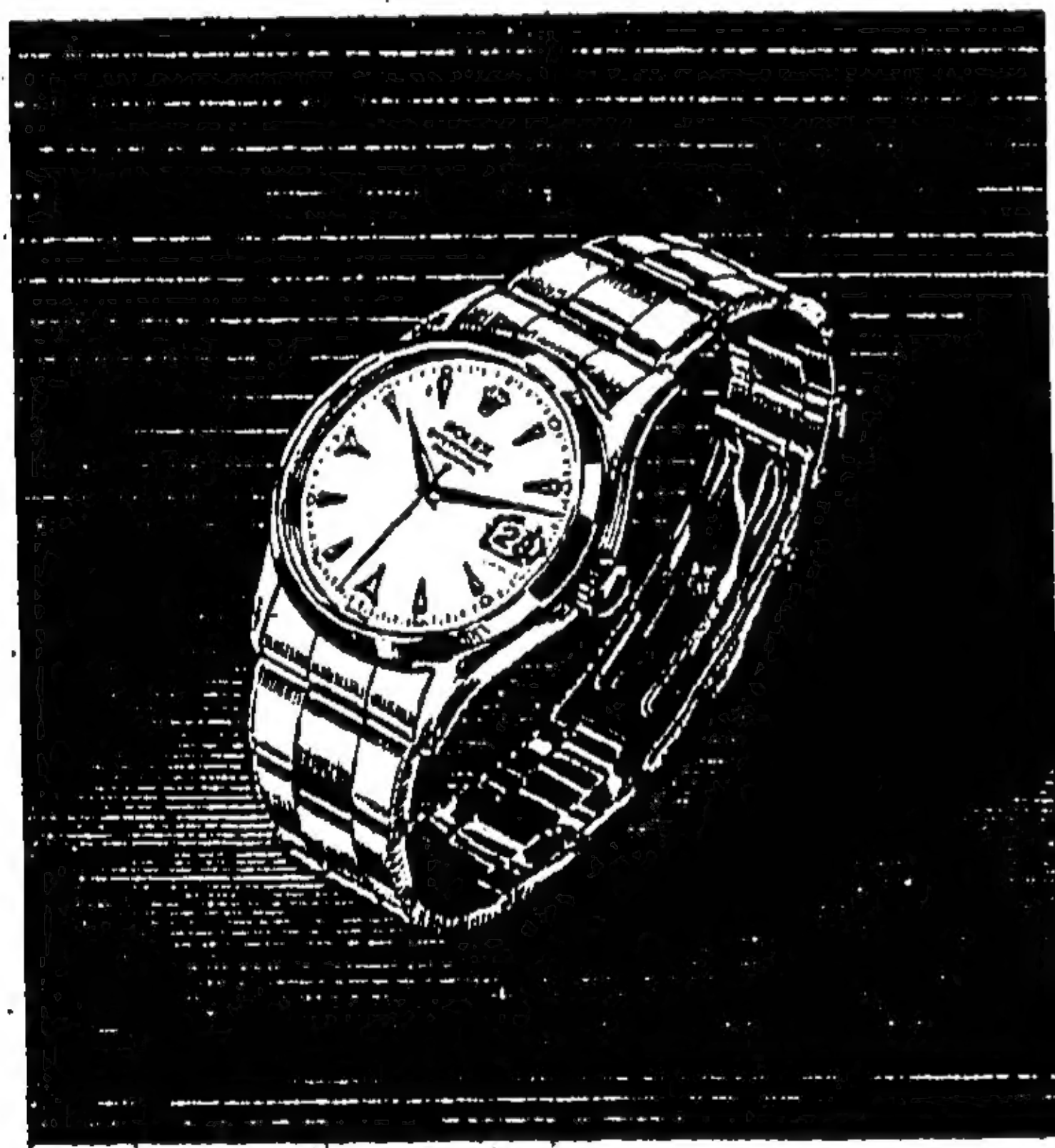
Some of Bennett's reminiscences are fascinating. He says: "As far as loyalty is concerned Mr Ford did not seem to care too much. I saw men dialyze Ford and yet if they were useful to him, he'd keep them on. He never let emotion interfere with business."

"The one thing in the world that Mr Ford could not stand was ridicule. He could not stand any kind of slur on his intelligence. . . . Edsel and I were never on completely friendly terms (that's an understatement). Mr Ford would say to me: 'Now, Harry, you think you're getting along all right with Edsel, but he's no friend of yours.'"

It was during the Bennett era that Henry Ford bought the Dearborn Independent and began his violent attacks on Jews. It was during the Bennett period that the armed police became known as goons and beat up the workers. It was during the Bennett period that sales dropped and dropped and people began to whisper: "Ford is finished."

It was during the Bennett period that the fabulous Ford appeared in danger of extinction. Henry Ford the First, particularly in his later years, seemed unable to do anything about Bennett and the ruin that was setting in. It was his grandson, Henry Ford the Second, who had to act. But that's another part of this great story.

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WHO SLIPPED THE TOMAHAWK IN GRACE KELLY'S BED?

By ALEC GUINNESS

who has just returned from Hollywood after co-starring with Grace Kelly in a film. He brings back with him a glimpse of the other Miss Kelly—the "iceberg" with a sense of humour—the fiendish practical joker.

KELLY the iceberg. Just another pasteurised American blonde. Those were the sort of remarks friends made last September when I told them I was off to Hollywood to make a film with Grace Kelly.

How wrong they all were on all accounts. But in spite of having admired Grace on the screen, it was with considerable misgivings that I took the Polar flight to Los Angeles, thinking to myself that I might as well get used to the ice on the way.

When I stepped off the airplane into brilliant Californian sunshine (one of their smogless days), she was there to meet me. She looked as beautiful as an angel on, but my first reaction was that either she was too tall or I was too short for our respective roles of Princess and the Prince in *The Swan*, the film we were to make together.

She proved to be as shy as I am, and for a day or two we remained Miss Kelly and Mr Guinness to each other—a pleasant change, I thought, from the automatic exchange of

Christian names between strangers in the film world.

A few days after my arrival she invited me to a small party at the house she rents overlooking Los Angeles. At night the city appears to be the Milky Way spread on the ground; extremely romantic and exactly the right background for Grace, who would bring an atmosphere of romance plus chie even to the Klondike By-pass—which Hollywood, for all its palm trees and splendid houses, rather resembles in the glare of noon.

As hosts at her own party, Grace was very different from the reserved woman with the slightly short-sighted air who met me at the airport. Here, among her friends, she was just a girl in black velvet trousers, squatting on the floor and collapsing helplessly with

giggles over some story of David Miven's or Michael Wilding's, or sitting, open-mouthed, at Humphrey Bogart's brilliant parody of a fellow actor.

When not in a state of exhaustion from laughing (she barely completely double when she laughs) she was busy grilling hamburgers, talking passionately about the greatness of Margot Fonteyn, or (most surprisingly) showing me little chips of rock she had cleaned on walks with a hammer for Grace is also an amateur geologist.

The first day I had a scene to act with her I thought to myself: "This girl is remarkable. I wonder if she really knows what she is doing?" What she was doing was first class. I suspected that it was accidental.

After two or three "takes" I realised, with astonishment, that she achieved exactly the same

delicate touches each time we played the scene, that she not only knew what she was doing, but precisely what she was going to do next.

Then I understood the envy some Hollywood stars have of her—the girl is an artist, and recognisably one in a city brimful of talent. Like many Americans, Grace is a splendid practical joker and goes to enormous trouble (and expense) in planning her hoaxes. As the victim of one of these highly elaborate schemes she dreamt up I found myself, having escaped from the film for a few days' holiday in New Orleans, consulting detectives and press about a series of mysterious telegrams that were bombarding me from apparently all over the United States.

They were all inviting me to meet an unknown person called Alice. But Alice never turned up. Too long a story to go into detail, but as a result of the telegrams I ended, visiting a police identification line-up and the local morgue.

Finally, the detectives traced the mystery back to Grace—who was doubtless sitting on the floor of her New York apartment crying herself silly laughing. But I wonder if she knows to this day what heeded a colour-ful man to slip a tomahawk into her bed?

After two or three "takes" I realised, with astonishment, that she achieved exactly the same

JACOBY ON BRIDGE

A Gift That Costs Nothing

By OSWALD JACOBY

"YOU'RE very nice fellows," remarked George, "and it's Christmas Eve. Therefore I'll give you a trick that you don't really deserve."

The hand was played more than a year ago, but the defenders still remember the hand since George's generosity cost him nothing, as usual.

South won the first trick with the ace of spades, carefully cashing a diamond from the dummy. He then cashed the ace and king of clubs, entering dummy with a spade ruff in order to discard a diamond. It was at this point that George made his little speech, since he knew that it was vital to give the opponents a trick they didn't expect.

George led the last club from the dummy, discarding the remaining diamond from his hand. This wasn't actually a gift. The

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North East South West	
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Pass Pass	
Opening lead—AK	

opponents got a club, to be sure, but this merely in exchange for a diamond that they would have won otherwise.

The defenders were now helpless. East could get his ace of hearts, but South was sure to make the rest of the tricks.

George would have lost his contract if he had failed to lead the last club from dummy in order to discard his last diamond. For example, suppose that he leads the king of hearts from dummy instead of leading the last club. East wins with the ace of hearts and can lead a low diamond to West's king. West now leads the last club, since it isn't hard to see what's going on, and East is bound to win the setting trick with the jack of hearts.

If West had opened a diamond, of course, the contract would have been defeated very easily.

♥♦♣♥ CARD Sense ♦♣♥

Q—The bidding has been: South West North East
1 Diamond Pass 1 Heart Pass

You, South, hold:
AKJ3♥12 QAK106♠AQJ4

What do you do?
A—Did two no-trump. This red tends to show a hand that was too good for an opening bid of one no-trump, but a good 18-point hand is ample for this strong rebid.

TODAY'S QUESTION
The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold:
AQJ3♥12 QAK106♠AQJ4

What do you do?
Answer Tomorrow

BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

Grand Hotel, Corina d'Alpezzo.

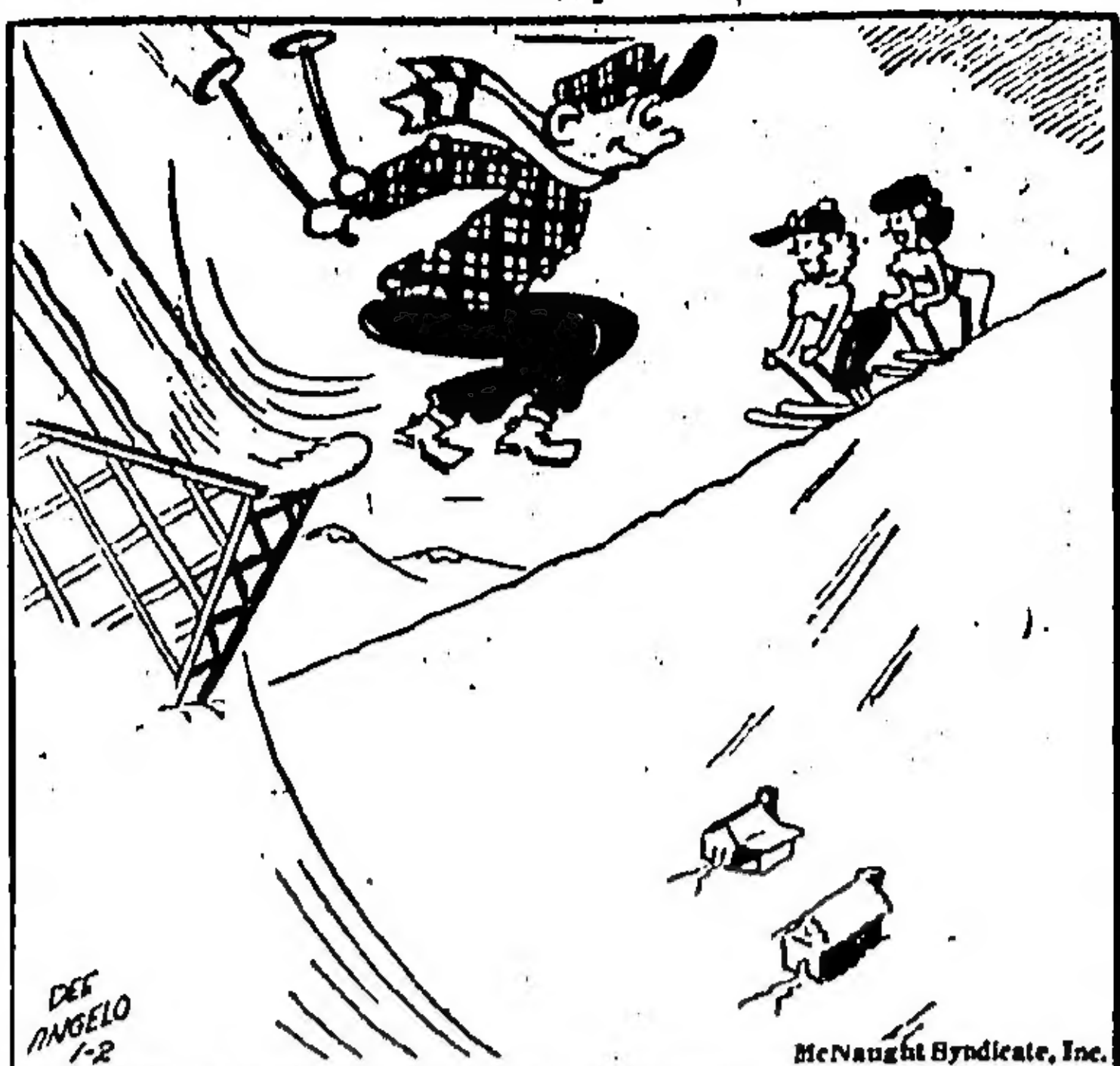
A WIFE in Colorado has obtained a divorce because her husband made her live in a cave full of snakes.

I expect that her mother, on a visit, as she crouched on the earth floor, noticed two or three snakes on a bit of jutting rock, and said: "This can't go on, Melanie." The husband's excuse was that he collected snakes, and they could not accustom themselves to life in a house, when the wife said, "You must choose between the snakes and me," the man realized that a crisis had been reached.

At cross purposes

A "CONSTANT READER" says that my recent account of the almost inaudible violin at a concert shows "lack of understanding." The violinist may have been too shy to play loudly, I do not agree. A shy violinist attempts to disguise his shyness by a show of deriding, and plays with all his might. The only time Kreisler was ever shy was when he was introduced to the audience, on being introduced to him, he said: "My husband and I have just bought one of your cars, Mr. Kreisler." Her husband

This Funny World



This is going to be worth watching—Mr. Show-Off forgot his skills!

YOUR BIRTHDAY

By STELLA

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

BORN today, you're endowed with a generous nature—one which will make sacrifices beyond the call of duty for one you love. You have exceptionally keen intuitions which, at times, appear to be almost psychic. You may do something which, to another, will seem impulsive. Yet it will be shown that you did exactly the right thing at the right moment.

Your gift of leadership is significant and, at moments of crisis, it is likely that you will be the one person to remain calm and know what to do.

In your business life or in the pursuit of your official duties, you appear stern, positive and dynamic. You know how to give orders and have them followed. Yet, at home,

you are an entirely different person—loving, sympathetic—rather a "softy" when it comes to giving those you love anything their hearts desire.

You have a tendency to worry over trifles and to brood over minor mistakes. Recognize the fact that to cry is human.

Among those born on this date are: James Russell Lowell, poet; George Washington, U.S. President; Frederic Chopin, composer; Margaret Singer, reformer; Rembrandt, Peale, artist; Robert Young, actor; Elmer Barnes, author.

To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 21)—Morning hours are poor, so avoid engagements to guard against possible accident.

ARIES (Mar. 22-April 20)—If interested in real estate, you may find that you can turn over a good business deal today.

Taurus (Apr. 21-May 21)—The more you deal only with reliable individuals. Evening hours are excellent for business matters.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—Being too visionary today can be a mistake. You may have to be practical to get good results.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)—Live low this morning and avoid trouble. Afternoon improves and evening is fine—even for romance.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—At all possible, postpone any definitive action until this afternoon. Your judgment will be better.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—The day improves with age. The afternoon is better than the morning, and evening best of all for decisions.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—Stick to business all day so that when evening comes you can accept a social invitation with a clear conscience.

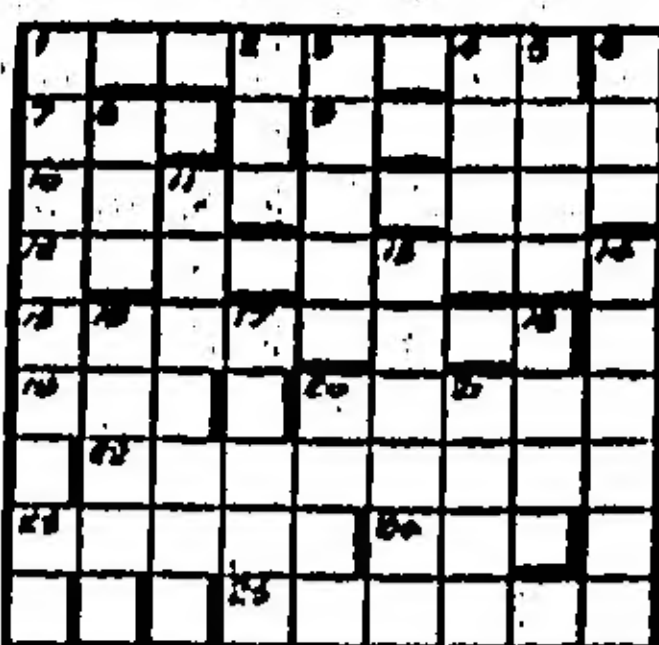
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 23)—For you, a good day to make advances in your career. There can still be room for romance, too.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—This afternoon can be your time for decision. Think everything over very carefully before you act.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—One of the most important days in your whole life, perhaps! Set your eyes on your future goals.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—The morning is unreliable, so step cautiously. You may be tempted to be too adventuresome.

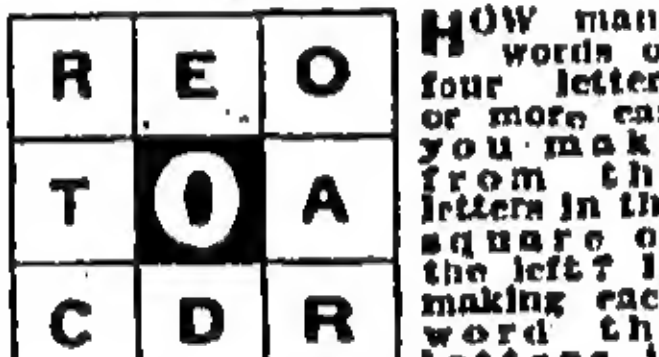
CROSSWORD



Across
1. Reward for a good horse. (4, 4)
7. It should not show after a hard course of 1 Across. (3)
9. Areas of the body. (3)
10. They carry you along after the woods. (4, 5)
12. Learned the somewhat mixed from Spain. (9)
15. Slashed off the needles? (8)
16. Beauty? Plainly here. (3)
20. The boss at the free end of the sunflower. (5)
22. Watchful. (5)
23. Hard for bad luck. (5)
24. It makes this kind of remark. (3)
25. Colourful in the extreme, these baseball men. (5, 5)

Down
1. This first clay blocks with enthusiasm may be! (6, 4)
2. Abroad. (3)
3. Buffalo, parrot fashion. (5)
4. Be quiet with up. (4)
5. He served the gods. (4)
6. Silly animal. (3)
8. Add land for the Emerald Isle. (5)
11. These of species are lost in the rain forest. (5)
13. The beginner is a young chap. (3)
14. The lucky payer of this doesn't always feel privileged. (9)
17. Hold that! (7)
18. Fear for the landlady. (5)
19. A word. (3)
20. Poised. (3)
21. Sleepy. (3)
22. Sleepy. (3)
23. Sleepy. (3)
24. Sleepy. (3)
25. Sleepy. (3)

TARGET



How many words of four letters or more can you make from the letters in the square on the left? Each letter can be used only once in each word. Words must be at least three letters long. No plurals; no foreign words; no proper names. Words may be used in any order. Words of four letters or more, very good; words of five letters, excellent. Solution tomorrow.

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION: Across: 1. Each word must be at least three letters long. No plurals; no foreign words; no proper names. Words may be used in any order. Words of four letters or more, very good; words of five letters, excellent. Solution tomorrow.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

The Dragon's Mistake

—He Ate His Tail, Thinking It Was A Noodle—

By MAX TRELL

MR PUNCH was feeling in very fine spirits. He made Knarf and Handi, the shadows with the turned-about names, sit down in front of him in the Playroom.

"I don't suppose you ever heard of Jasper?" he said. The two shadows shook their heads. "Jasper? Who's he, Mr Punch?"

"Jasper," said Mr Punch in a solemn voice, "was a dragon. A dragon!" said Knarf. Mr Punch nodded twice, once to Knarf and once to Handi.

"How big was he?" Knarf asked.

"Oh, Jasper wasn't very large—as dragons go," answered Mr Punch. "I don't think he was much bigger than two or three elephants."

Knarf and Handi looked absolutely astonished.

"Don't feel frightened," said Mr Punch. "Jasper was very affectionate. He wouldn't harm anything. He was a harmless dragon."

"Where did you find Jasper?" Handi wanted to know. "In the woods," Mr Punch said.

"Under the cellar stairs?" said Knarf. "In the ocean? Under a mountain?" Mr Punch kept shaking his head.

"I'll tell you where and how I found Jasper. One day, I was sitting off some old books in the attic when suddenly as I flattered through the pages of one of the books, Jasper fell out."

Knarf and Handi both said: "A book-dragon!"

Like An Accordion

But Mr Punch went right on. "Jasper didn't look like much at first because he was all folded up like an accordion. But by and by he unfolded himself and there he was, as big as a dragon should be, which, if you care to know, is as big as two or three elephants, as I mentioned before.

Jasper reached from the top of the house to the bottom of the house, and from the bottom of the house to

Inside The Book

Knarf and Handi were eager to know more about Jasper the dragon. "How did he get inside the book?" Handi wanted to know.

"Crept in," said Mr Punch. "I think he fancied himself a sort of bookmark."

At any rate, it was an old book and no one had looked into it for many years. He just found himself up and went to sleep.

"What colour was he?" inquired Knarf.

"He was beautifully coloured," said Mr Punch. "He was all red and yellow with blue polka dots running down his back. His eyes were bright green and he had a big, curved horn like a clothes hook growing out of the top of his head. I hung a red Japanese lantern on it. It looked very handsome."

Handi said: "How did he get the name Jasper?"

"I gave it to him," said Mr Punch. "Nobody else seemed to want it so I gave it to him."

"And what did he eat?" said Handi.

"Noodles," said Mr Punch. "He was a noodle-eating dragon. But that got him into a great deal of trouble at the end."

Rupert and the Gold Acorn—13



The child turns in astonishment on seeing the unexpected figure of Rupert. "Oh, how glad I am to have found somebody to talk to!" he exclaims as he runs up to her. "I don't know where I am, but terrible things have been happening. He tells her of the meeting all rights

WOMANSENSE

LONDON SPRING STYLES



New styles from the spring collection of Angèle Delanghe were displayed recently. Pictured are three of the styles shown.

Left: "Ascot First Day"—a black corded silk dress with striped collar and matching cape, worn with a white pillbox hat.

Centre: "A Must"—a navy wool dress trimmed with white bow buttons and an adjustable cape.

Right: "Pagoda"—a red-and-white organza evening dress.—Express.

THE "BOSSY" CHILD REQUIRES SOME SKILFUL HANDLING

By GARRY CLEVELAND MYERS, Ph.D.

DOES your child show leadership or is he just bossy?

Since he is your child, you may judge him a leader when most other persons would say he is a very bossy child. How would his teacher classify him? His classmates? His playmates?

On the other hand, he may neither lead nor boss. He may be a too-willing follower and servant of other children.

If, as you see him mingling, playing or working with other children, you observe that he excels in skills, ideas and resourcefulness, that he is liked by most other children of his age, is able to win them often to his suggestion, you may conclude that he evinces leadership.

If, however, he rarely keeps up with others of his age in play and work skills, yet often tries

in vain to win them over to his way, and grows ugly when he can't, he's just bossy.

He may have practised for years bossing a younger brother or sister or playmate. With such a child, he can have his way. Then, when he is with other children of his own age, he may try to keep on having his way. Seeing that he can't, he may refuse to co-operate with them at play or work but continue being bossy anyway.

Frustrations

Thus, he grows less acceptable to them. Because of his frustrations, he may act in many ugly ways.

He might have been saved from growing bossy if his leading over a younger brother or sister had been curbed; if he also had been persuaded to play with other children of his own age with whom he would have had to compete on equal terms.

When you see your child always choosing younger, weaker children as playmates, you should know he is likely to grow bossy with other children unless he can be guided to mingle sufficiently with playmates of his own age.

A child may also grow bossy among his contemporaries if he is seeking relief and compensation from having been bossed excessively at home by older stronger children, or even over-ruled by his parents. He may constantly be bossed by an older brother or sister or by older playmates in the home neighborhood.

Such a youngster is especially in need of spending more time playing with other children of his age with whom he can compete rather successfully. Settling the stage for him to get a good social education, with his peers is not easy. It takes a great deal of parental insight, time, skill and patience.

Why Does Your Baby Cry?

By H. N. BUNDESEN, M.D.

DON'T worry about your wailing infant. He won't cry forever; it only seems like forever.

Although most all newborn babies cry more than you think is necessary, they generally will quiet down and become happier by the age of six to ten weeks.

A very young baby must cry. Nature gave him the power to wail for several reasons.

First of all, he must expand his lungs during the first few days of life. Then, too, crying is the baby's only means of communicating with you.

Of course he'll cry when he's hungry. Since he becomes hungry at irregular intervals, you shouldn't maintain a rigid feeding schedule. Regulation of a schedule or a four-hour basis usually isn't advisable until he's from six to ten weeks old.

Even if you feed a crying infant every ten minutes, he still wouldn't stop whimpering. If he's not hungry or wet, his cries probably mean:

★ "Mother, I want to be held and loved, and assured that you want me."

Along about the age of six or ten weeks, a baby's overall schedule is better regulated.

He is able to see and hear with a little understanding. He follows your movements with his eyes. He turns his head at a nearby noise. He becomes more interested in his surroundings. Because there are things to keep him interested, he's happier and loses much of his desire for crying.

About this time I think you'll be a bit happier, too. Both you and the old man will get a night's sleep without being awakened by the bawling of your know who. And those loud shrieks won't summon you quite so often from your daytime chores.

So, new mothers, don't despair. Things won't always be so hectic.

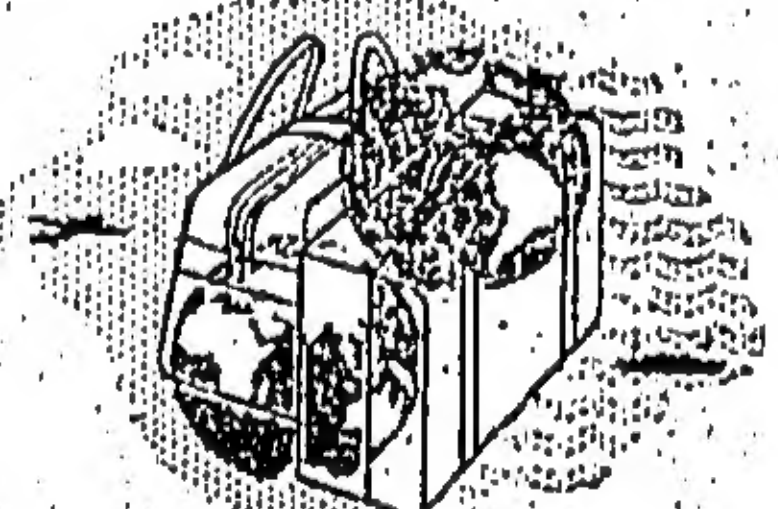
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GRAND NATIONAL CALLOVER Quare Times A Clear Fifteen To Two Favourite At Present

By CLAUDE RICHARDSON

London, Feb. 22.

Though the races are still over a month away, callover betting on the "Spring Double" events, the Lincolnshire Handicap (March 21) and Grand National Steeplechase (March 24), was opened during the past week.

The "National" card drew a good deal of money, most of it for last year's winner, Quare Times, who is a clear fifteen to two favourite at present to complete a "four-timer" in the world's greatest steeplechase for Vincent O'Brien, the Irish trainer.

Quare Times is also engaged in the Cheltenham Gold Cup, the plum of the big National hunt festival meeting there on March 8, but he will not run in this race. His next appearance will probably be on March 3, either at Manchester or at Naas, the Irish course.

In the meantime, however, a cloud has fallen over O'Brien's hopes. Pat Taaffe, the brilliant young Irish jockey who rode Quare Times to victory at Aintree last year, had an unlucky accident when schooling a "chaser" during the week, and broke a wrist and two fingers. He hopes to be fit in time for Aintree, but the doubt must be worrying both jockey and trainer.

UNIQUE DOUBLE

Ireland is renowned for the production of dashing steeplechase jockeys as well as the horses themselves, and Pat ranks with the very best in his profession. Last year he achieved a unique double when he followed up his Aintree victory by taking the Irish Grand National on Umm.

Jockeyship is a big factor in the Grand National, and if Taaffe is not fit in time for the big race, Quare's chance might be considerably lessened. Most of the top-class riders already have their mounts arranged for the race, and it would not be an easy task to get a replacement for Taaffe.

However, both Taaffe and O'Brien are optimists, and a good recovery in time for the National, which the Irish training wizard has made almost his thing in recent years. A jockey who has met with even greater ill-fortune than Taaffe is George Sinden, twice a national runner-up on Tudor Lane last year and in 1954. At the beginning of the year he fell while schooling horses and dislocated his collarbone and broke his left arm near the shoulder.

Slack, one of Britain's leading cross country riders, will still be convalescing when the Grand National is run. If he had been fit he would certainly have been in demand for this race.

Second favourite at ten to one to Quare Times at the callover was the ten-year-old Sundew, trained in Warwickshire by Frank Hudson, who hopes to bring off the spring double in the same year for the first time.

His Lincolnshire candidate is Turk's Blood, present first choice in the market on the race. The engagement of Champion jockey Douglas Smith for Turk's Blood and ex-paratrooper Fred Winter, one of Britain's most fearless jump jockeys, for Sundew will keep the pair in the forefront of the betting.

Sundew narrowly beat Quare Times at Haydock Park, Lancashire, on February 8, but O'Brien's charge meets him on three pounds better terms for a half a length at Aintree and proved his liking for the big fences last year, whereas Sundew fell at the twenty-seventh.

HALF A RACE

This year, as usual, there are horses with strange "histories" among the Grand National acceptors. One worth thousands of pounds was once sold for twelve pounds sterling; another was a cripple a few years ago; a third qualified for the big Aintree chase by winning half a race.

Valiant Spark, joint third favourite at the callover, changed hands for twelve pounds sterling as a yearling six years ago. He was hunted at four, and in the past two seasons has won three races. Now he is right in the forefront of "possibilities" for the Aintree race.

He is only seven years old, and though no horse has won as this has won since the war before that the great Golden Miller and three others, Kelso-boro-Jack, Forbra and Bogkier, won within a period of nine years at this tender age.

These years ago few people would have given the chance of ever running in a Grand National, for he was a cripple with bowed tendons. But this season he has won five chases and is a popular outsider for steeplechase country.

A fine tribute to the patience of his owner, Mrs. Colin Hamilton of Haringhould, near Market Harborough, who brought him back to health.

Alternate heat and cold was the treatment which put Polonius on his winning career. His forelegs were heated up with an oilbath at night, and during the day cold water was played on them with a hose.

The qualifying conditions for the Grand National kept out Vincent O'Brien's Sam Brown-thorn, who had been runner-up in the Irish Grand National, but Sun Clasp got in with half a win—a dead heat in May 25, 1955, which was worth 122 pounds to his owner.

PARTIAL SUCCESS

Since that partial success Sun Clasp has run twenty times without success and bookmakers are offering 500 to one against him for the National.

Companions of Sun Clasp on the 500 to one mark in one big bookmaker's list are Martinique, Sturzen, Venetian Law and Victory Morn. Obviously, these horses are not thought to have the thrill of seeing their colours carried in the race, with the possibility that luck, which plays such a big part in the event, will upset the odds by turning their way.

On the "day" these owners will probably be thinking of Caughoo, the Irish horse without a chance who won the great steeplechase in 1947 at 100 to one. At this stage before the race that year bookmakers were probably have been ready to lay five hundred to one against him. —China Mail Special.

Cricket Has Now Taken Up The Cudgel In An Effort To Draw Crowds

London, Feb. 22.

Football is not the only sport in Britain crying out for the "missing millions" — the fans who once swelled attendance receipts but have drifted mysteriously away.

Cricket has now taken up the cudgel in an effort to draw the crowds back to County Championship matches, though the means proposed for doing so have not met with general approval from some counties.

When the county cricket advisory committee met on March 5, they will consider a proposal from a so far unnamed county suggesting that hours of play should be altered. It is proposed that play on the first two days should start after lunch, say at 1300 BST or 1330 BST and continue until 2000 or 2030 BST. If there is a possibility of producing a definite result.

This proposal does not suggest that the change should come into general effect in the coming season. As a start, they ask that the experiment be tried in two or three matches in the opposing teams agree, and that it be extended if proved successful.

At present, the standard hours of play are 11.30 to 1830 BST on the first two days, and 11.30 to 1800 or 1830 on the third and final day. Some counties play until 1800 BST on the first and second days, curtail play on the last day to ease the travel problems of the visiting team.

NEW PROPOSAL

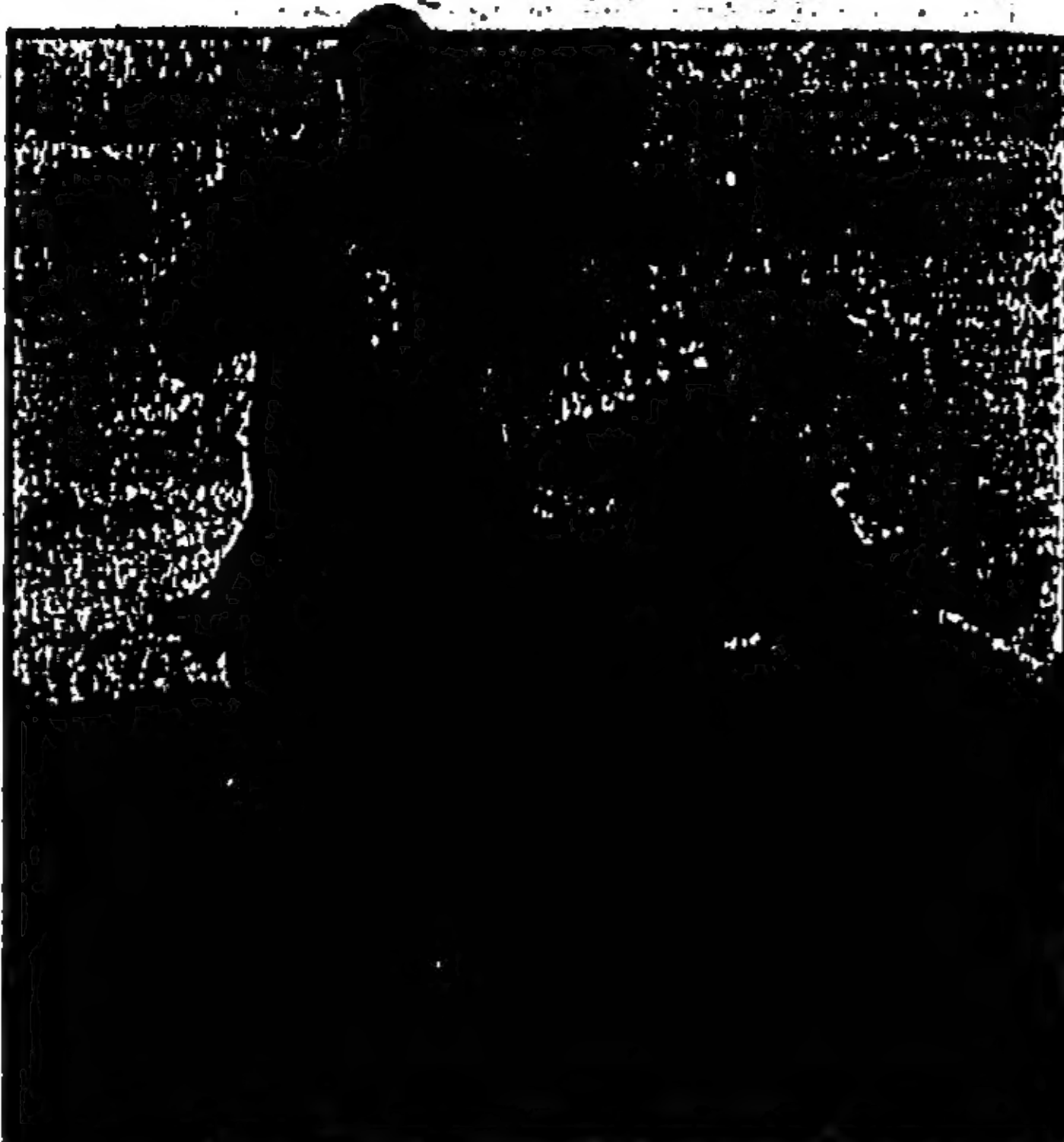
Immediately the new proposal was announced, the arguments for and against started up. Only on one point did the "pro" and "con" agree — workers who finish at around 1800 BST.

But it is feared the proposal will not prove popular outside industrial areas and that the scheme is not likely to receive whole-hearted support from counties like Kent, Sussex or Essex, who play in agricultural and residential districts.

Other arguments against the plan are: (1) Players would not be able to get an evening meal at their hotel if play ended so late.

(2) Ground staff would not have time at the end of the day to clear up the litter left by spectators.

(3) The question of bad light would arise. The problem of bad light and the attitude of rural and residential areas to evening cricket will not easily be mounted. At present, the light



Quare Times... has jumping ability, stamina and class.

Bobby Neil Is One Of Britain's Brightest Featherweight Prospects

By ARCHIE QUICK

He is one of Britain's best boxers, yet he can't run like athletes, he can't climb stairs, he can't bend one knee properly and he can't do any roadwork like other boxers. And for a year and a half he had a plaster cast from waist to ankle and had all his meals lying on his stomach.

Despite all this, Edinburgh born Bobby Neil is one of Britain's brightest prospects. Now living in London Neil is unbeaten as a professional and with Scotsman Charlie Hill and Matt Fulton makes up Scotland's three great featherweights of the moment.

Bobby's troubles began in 1949. Cycling home one night in the Scottish capital he was involved in an accident with a motor-cycle. His right leg was fractured six inches above the knee and he sustained multiple injuries to the face and body. He collapsed during an emergency operation and his father admitted to me that when he saw Bobby come out of the operating theatre he thought he was "finished."

This week in London, Neil won his seventh professional when he beat tough Denny Dawson. Mr. Sammy Burns is his manager and they have great faith in each other. There is no arguing. Burns thinks Neil is the easiest boy to handle in the world and the London man has managed quite a few. Says Sammy: "Neil will be British Champion in three years. We are not rushing things and I reckon when he has had about twenty fights he will be the new title holder."

INCOMPARABLE COURAGE

Bobby has incomparable courage. Though he still boxes with a silver pin joining the fracture and is prevented from going full out in training he is a model of good nature and courtesies.

It was Bobby's father who asked me to tell this story. He says it is not right to pinpoint the boy's disabilities but his father feels that in hospitals all over the country there must be patients who have misfortunes similar to his son's. In the darkness of their troubles they may be thinking they will never walk again, never take part in sport but the success story of Bobby Neil proves that the future is not always as dark as it may appear. Bobby's wonderful recovery is an example of inspiration.

Sammy Burns, of course, was for so many years first lieutenant to Jack Solomon in all that promoter's enterprises. Now he has broken away and although the still manages several boxers his chief interest is with one of London's biggest book-making firms. "Boxing is going through a bad time in this country and some of the recent refereeing decisions have not helped," he said, "but there are enough good young boxers to put the game back on its feet if they get the chance. It is the heavyweight middle which is holding up the sports popularity. Heavyweights are generally the most popular class; at the moment their division is the laughing stock."

But all arguments aside, the final say is sure to rest with the man who pays his two shillings or half-crown admission fee. If he wants evening cricket, and the county advisory committee give him a chance to show whether he likes it or not, then counties will have to accede to his wishes or face even smaller attendances. —China Mail Special.

LAST NIGHT'S BOXING ARMY'S MADDEN SCORES MAJOR UPSET BY BEATING POPULAR HENRY WONG

By OUR BOXING REPORTER

The Army defeated the Royal Navy by 11 points to 10 in a boxing match staged at the China Fleet Club last night. All the main highlights of the show came towards the end and when popular Henry Wong — making his first appearance as a sailor — stepped into the ring to meet Sgt Inst Madden in the last bout of the match the scores were locked at 9 points all.

However, Henry's first Royal Navy outing was doomed to disappointment for, ring-rusty as he was, he found Madden in top form and as fit as a fiddle.

The soldier took up the attack from the first bell and soon raised a red patch around

the Chinese boy's right eye with a succession of neat punches. Wong used all his experience and all his wiles to avoid trouble but he soon discovered that Madden was a persistent opponent as well as an accomplished fighter.

Meeting Wong's strong counter-attacks with crisp short blows Madden took the first two rounds by a clear margin. The local boy seemed to sense at this stage that something special was required if he was to win the match — and in the last round he fought more like the Henry Wong of a year or so ago.

His long left leads were used to real advantage for the first time he clipped Madden with a right on the target. Several times he clipped Madden with snappy right hand blows but although he took the round, he could not pull back his earlier deficit and a popular verdict went to the soldier to give his team victory.

WEIGHT ADVANTAGE

The second last bout on the bill produced a grand scrap between L/Bdr Melver and L/S Childs. The current Colony Bantamweight Champion, The soldier appeared to have a slight weight advantage over Childs but the sailor never hesitated to carry the fight to his man. The crowd got plenty to shout about as both men opened up and hammered away to the head and body. Melver turned in his best performance to date and his crisp punching with both hands carried him to a fine victory over a clever and game opponent.

The spectators also got a thrill in the Light Welterweight bout between Bdr Parkes and Tel Louvie. It was obvious from the first bell that both men favoured the hard blow with few trimmings as possible. With the opening round well advanced,

France Versus England Rugby Postponed

Paris, Feb. 21.

The Rugby Union International Championship match between France and England, due to be played here next Saturday, will most probably be postponed because of the state of the pitch at Colombes Stadium, a French Rugby Federation spokesman told reporters today.

The Paris evening newspaper, France Soir, states that the match may be played on March 3, but the Federation says that no alternative day has yet been fixed. Earlier today, the French Federation said that an official decision would be taken on Thursday. The Colombes groundman said the pitch was free of snow, but it was frozen to a depth of six inches. —China Mail Special.

America Wins

Brighton, Feb. 21.

The United States Olympic ice hockey team beat the British League side, Brighton Tigers, by five goals to four in a match here tonight. Period scores: (USA first) were: 2-1, 1-0, 2-3.

Two players from each side were sent off for fighting in the first period. —China Mail Special.

STARTING TODAY

SCHOOLBOYS' BADMINTON CH'SHIPS

The Schoolboys' and Schoolgirls' Colony Badminton Championships will commence today.

All players who are scheduled to play on each particular day must be present at the court at the appointed time. Anyone failing to turn up within 15 minutes of the appointed time will be considered as having given a walk-over to his or her opponent.

Matches to be played today at Craigengower Cricket Club, Happy Valley, at 6 p.m. are:

Senior-Schoolboys-Singles
Bruce Hui (KCES) v Lun Lee (SSC); Ko Wai-kuo (WYHK) v John Hui (KCES); Wong Wai-king (KCES) v Lam Shu-tung (WYHK).
Intermediate-Schoolboys-Singles
Lee Wai-kuo (SPCC-ed) v Choi Shiu-king (PCMS); Ng Chi-yung (KCES) v Poon Yiu-choi (SPCC-ed).
Junior-Schoolboys-Singles
Louis Hui (SSC) v Cheng Hing-kuo (PCMS); Wong Yee-on (Pul To) v Tam Tin-shing (PCMS).
Matches to be played on Friday, February 24, at the Grantham Training College at 6 p.m. are:

Senior-Schoolboys-Singles
George Ma (P. Chung) v Lau Shing-nai (PCMS); Lau Pui-yee (PCMS) v William Wan (KCES); Fredrick Hong (KCES) v Patrick Young (LSC).

Intermediate-Schoolboys-Singles
Lo Shiu-kei (SPCC-ed) v Tam Ming-choi (KCES); Shiu Shu-choi (SPCC-ed) v Mak Shu-kuo (KCES); Ng Chi-ying (KCES) v George Young (LSC).
Matches to be played on Saturday, February 25, at the Grantham Training College at 6 p.m. are:

Senior-Schoolboys-Singles
Paul Li (KCES) v Young Wan-chai (SPCC-ed); Lewis Cheng (DPS) v Wong Wai-king (KCES); Wei Chik-kin (LSC) v Morgan Cheung (KCES); Chow Hon-kit (SPCC-ed) v Wong Hui-ling (KCES); S.M. Raman (KCES) v Cyril J. Chan (WYHK).
Matches to be played on Monday, February 27, at the Grantham Training College at 6 p.m. are:

Senior-Schoolboys-Singles
Chan Man-kuo (KCES) v Peter Chan (WYHK); Chan Shing-choi (SPCC-ed) v Chan Koon-yun (KCES); Wong Wai-kuo (KCES) v Leung King-ho (KCES).
Intermediate Schoolboys-Singles
Mak Chung-kuo (WYHK) v Wong Yee-on (SPCC-ed); Loong Tse-lun (SPCC-ed) v Wong Yee-on (SPCC-ed); Choi Shiu-king (KCES); Ng Chi-yung (KCES) or Poon Yiu-choi (SPCC-ed) v Shiu Shu-choi (SPCC-ed) or Tam Ming-choi (KCES).

US Tennis Championships

Seixas And Larsen Head Field Of 32 In Indoor Tourney

New York, Feb. 21.

Vic Seixas and Art Larsen, America's top-ranking tennis players, will head a field of 32 players in the National Indoor Tennis Championships opening tomorrow to start a season aimed at recovery of the Davis Cup from Australia.

This will be the first chance for Seixas and Larsen to prove they still rate Davis Cup players ahead of several aspiring youngsters, including Sammy Giammalva, Gil Shea and Grant Golden.

There is also a strong foreign entry list, headed by the former US Indoor Champion, Sven Davidson of Sweden, and big Kurt Nielsen of Denmark.

Seixas has been seeded first among US entries, with Larsen second, Shen third and Giammalva fourth. Among the foreign players, Davidson has been seeded first, Nielsen second, Ulf Schmidt of Sweden third and Robert Howe of Australia fourth.

Seixas is heavily favoured over William Lurie, Larsen over Jan Lundquist and Davidson over Irvin Dorfman in first-round matches. However, tough competition is expected in the match pitting Giammalva, who is ranked ninth nationally, against the Brazilian Davis Cup ace, Armando Vieira. Experts predict Seixas-Nielsen and Lundquist-Davidson matches in the semi-final round on Saturday. —United Press.

Visiting Chinese Kahnan Basketball Team Beaten 105-53

Manila, Feb. 22.

The visiting Chinese Kahnan basketball team suffered another defeat last night as Buchan Baker's team from Seattle scored a 105-53 victory at the Rizal Basketball Court. The height, speed and shooting skill of the Americans spelled defeat for Kahnan who previously had scored seven consecutive victories against local teams. The Kahnan win ends a long losing streak at seven to four. —France-Press.

HOME SOCCER

London, Feb. 21.

Association football results: League 1.—Aston 2, Everton 2. Scottish Cup sixth round replay.—St. Mirren 1, Airdrieonians 3. Aldershot now visit Celtic in the seventh round on March 3. —Reuter.

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LET'S KEEP FOOTBALL CLEAN SOUTH AMERICAN PLAYERS DO SUCH CRAZY THINGS

By ARTHUR ELLIS (WORLD NO. 1 REFEREE)

The world seemed to be astonished because I abandoned a match at Coventry recently. That shook me. Because to me as a referee it was the only decision that could be made.

Here was the case of a referee ordering a player to leave the field and the player refusing to go. The referee no longer had control over that game, so it had to be abandoned. It was as simple as that.

I shall be making a full report to the Football Association. Until that is considered, there can be no comment on the incident.

But it raises a vital point. Sportsmanship in Soccer, in Britain, Europe, South America, wherever the game is played, can be improved and must be improved. And we cannot afford to be smug about our own standards.

The British taught the world how to play football. Despite a few recent setbacks on the field of play, England remains the most important football Power in the world. And it is our responsibility to teach the world the meaning of good sportsmanship.

Our own house could be put in better order. If footballers children behaved the way some footballers do, they would have more problems very often. Many of our troubles come in matches against foreign teams. But foreign players cannot expect special treatment. The 17 laws of football are international, and must be applied as they are written down in the book.

Of course, interpretations differ. In the recent World Cup match at Wrexham, Austria, the Austrian goalkeeper caused some trouble. That is something our international legislators might well discuss.

Yet players respect strong, fair refereeing, although they may not always agree with the decisions.

GOOD FRIENDS

For instance, the first time I ever refereed Jimmy Scouler, a strong player, was when Portsmouth played in Brazil in 1951. I sent Scouler off the field because I had to. Now we are the best of friends.

I sent Bozsk, the Hungarian right-half, off the field in the World Cup match in Switzerland in 1954, against Brazil. The match that has become known as the "Battle of Bern".

I have met him since, in Budapest, and he gave me the warmest of welcomes.

I asked him, "Well, did they suspend you?" "Suspend me?" he laughed. "How could they suspend Bozsk, a member of Parliament?"

That is where we are more fortunate than other countries. Our Football Association is firm and just with offenders. Foreign countries can still make great strides along this road.

Thailander To Meet Philippine Boxing Champion

Manila, Feb. 22. The Philippine Lightweight Boxing Champion, Leo Alonzo will stake his title tonight against Thailand's Omsan Leemapha in a 12-rounder scheduled at the Rizal Coliseum.

In another 12-rounder Emil Bill Thinde will defend the PI Featherweight Championship against S. S. Sonkrit, also of Thailand. —France-Press.



thing which threatens this great game. I call it PETTY FOOTBALL. (London Express Service). (COPYRIGHT)

FLAM & FONTANA

Exhibition Tennis Today At Chater Road

Hongkong tennis enthusiasts will have an opportunity of seeing Herbie Flam and Don Fontana, top ranking players in the US and Canada respectively, in action against local exponents at the H.K. Cricket Club today.

Flam and Fontana who are on a Far Eastern tennis tour arrived by air from Manila yesterday.

The following is the revised programme for to-day:

3.30 p.m. Don Fontana v Edwin Tsai.
4.30 p.m. Herbie Flam v Ip Koon-hung.
5.30 p.m. Herbie Flam and Don Fontana v Ip Koon-hung and Edwin Tsai.

Should the ground be unfit for play today due to bad weather, the same programme will be played off at the same time tomorrow.

Flam and Fontana who recently participated in the Philippines National Open Tennis Championships in Manila, will be remaining in Hongkong for about a week or 10 days before leaving for home.

Fontana had been in India from December until mid-February taking part in tennis tournaments over the country. Flam toured Australia and met Fontana in the Philippines.

COLONY GAMES OFF

In view of today's tennis exhibition, all the Colony's tennis championship fixtures scheduled to be played at Chater Road this afternoon have been postponed until Friday.

Yesterday's games were put over until tomorrow owing to the inclement weather. It is requested that players taking part in the local tournament be available to start not later than 5.15 p.m.

Sword Club Beat H.K. Police In Fencing Tourney

The Sword Club last night beat the Hongkong Police 18-11 in their fencing match held at the Central Gymnasium.

Grosche-Hodge proved a surprise obstacle to the Police by being left-handed and winning all but two of his fights.

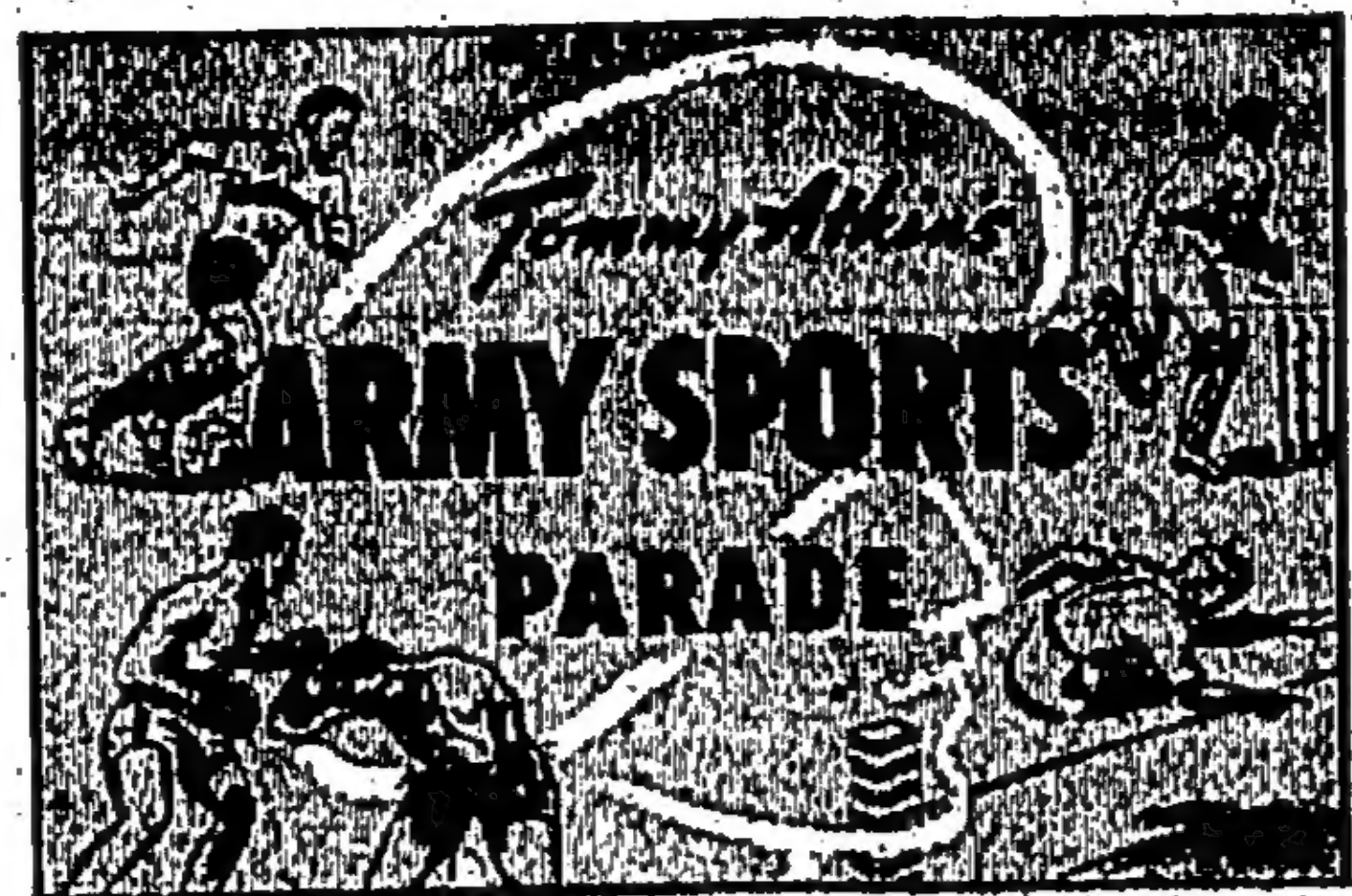
The Police, fielding a poor team, did fairly well against the Sword Club.

The following were the results:
Foil: Sword Club—Grosche-Hodge won 3; Fiat won 1, lost 2; Ozorio won 2.
Epee: Sword Club—Grosche-Hodge won 2, lost 1; Martial won 1, lost 2.
Sabre: Sword Club—Grosche-Hodge won 2, lost 1; Martial won 2, lost 1.
Foil: Hongkong Police—Carroll lost 3; Yeung won 1, lost 2; Williams won 2, lost 1.
Epee: Hongkong Police—Carroll lost 3; Yeung won 1, lost 2; Williams won 2, lost 1.
Sabre: Hongkong Police—Carroll won 1, lost 2; Chio Tsung won 1, lost 2.

Len Hutton Rejoins Cricket Club As Amateur

London, Feb. 21. Len Hutton, the former England captain, who recently announced his retirement, has rejoined the first cricket club he ever played for—Fulham, St. Lawrence — and will play for their next summer when his business commitments permit. He has been registered as an amateur with the Bradford League.

Hutton was playing for St. Lawrence when he was first "spotted" by Yorkshire, and called to the nets at Headingley when only 14. —France-Press.



This week the Spot of Honour at the Top of the Sports Parade is used to pay tribute to the accomplished and successful sportsmen of the 1st Bn North Staffordshire Regiment.

Already this season they have built up an enviable reputation for good sportsmanship and all-round skill. The Land Forces Hockey Championship trophy has now been joined by the FARELF trophy on the regimental sideboard. Not to be outdone the footballers have collected the Major Units League title and may add other soccer achievements before the season is over.

The boxing team is now high and dry in the Land Forces Team Boxing Final and after the way they disposed of the 1 Kings Own they must be strong favourites to add this trophy to their list.

The winter season is still a long way from being finished and other honours may yet be won... but even at this stage we are justified in saying... Well done the North Staffs...

CALDBECK CUP DRAW

The draw for the second round of the Caldbeck Cup has produced four excellent ties and some first class soccer in certain of the semi-finals are known.

The draw is as follows:—1 North Staffs: 7 Hussars v. 27 HAA Fgt RA; 7 Hussars v. 1 Kings Own; 24 Field Engrs. v. 11th Infantry Workshops REME.

It is surely significant that the REME team is the only one from the Minor Units Leagues left in the competition and as they have been coupled with the powerful Sappers in this round they may find it beyond them to maintain their interest in the Cup.

Out Queens Hill way, there is a strong feeling of confidence that the North Staffs who have already won the League title can make it a spectacular double by adding this cup to their collection, but there are several healthy soccer obstacles in the way of that accomplishment.

On current form it looks as though North Staffs, Kings Own, 24th.

Field Engineers will get through to the last four but the outcome of the 7 Hussars—27 HAA game is not easy to forecast. The Hussars have assembled a hard hitting side that seems well suited to Cup-tie football and with little doubt the less experienced players they will go into their game with plenty of confidence.

The Gunners on the other hand will have the edge in polish and general team going and with players like Chalmers, Johnson, Martin and Burbridge to give a touch of class to their play they may well feel that they are ready for the best that the opposition can offer.

All the games have to be played off by February 29.

BLACK WEEK-END

It was a black week-end for Army cricket and with Army North and South both going down to defeat there was little cause for satisfaction when soldier cricketers gathered round to talk things over on Saturday evening.

The KCC victory over North was as complete as it was unexpected and has seriously set back any hopes the soldiers may have had of collecting the Championship at the end of the season.

White North were being thrashed soundly at Cox's Path, their South colleagues were struggling against the odds in the time against Optimists at Sookunpo and went down to a three wicket defeat.

As the result of the week-end games the Royal Air Force have now gone to the top of the League and will not be easily dislodged.

The Army's hopes of one of their two teams finishing as Champions have been badly upset but the season is far from being over and the pendulum may swing again. However there is now no margin of advantage or error left. Every game is vital and every point priceless.

GRAND MANNER

If you are interested in the art of presenting a top class show then I would suggest that you make a special red ink entry in your diary for this March 2.

On that evening the final of the Land Forces Team Boxing Championship will be staged at the Queen Elizabeth Youth Centre in Kowloon... and it will be staged in a grand manner that has not been seen in the Colony in a long time.

...and finally a late reminder to Army soccer referees that the monthly meeting is being held at the NAAFI in Chatham Road on Saturday morning at 10 a.m. A good turn-out of members is requested.

RALPH COOPER'S SHOWDOWN...

Spotlights The Star Hollywood Called A Coward

Once he was one of Hollywood's brightest. He starred with Greta Garbo. He was the famous "Dr Kildare." He married Ginger Rogers.

Then his star fell, and millions called this Hollywood hero "coward" when he declared himself a conscientious objector during the last war.

Today the name of Lew Ayres is winning a new public and a new respect from millions who, not so long ago, scorned him.

Curiously enough Hollywood always labelled Lew Ayres "the comeback man"—the man whose career looked so bright back in 1931 when he played the lead in the famous anti-war film "All Quiet on the Western Front."

But olden years followed his first success. His marriage broke up, and he spent the lonely years in his mountain-top home looking through his telescope at the stars in the sky and brooding over the mysteries of life.

Lew languished in the Hollywood shadows until 1938, when a comedy performance with Katherine Hepburn brought him into the limelight once again. With renewed interest, Hollywood put him into the "Dr Kildare" series. It looked as though Lew was at last to achieve the recognition that had eluded him so long.

SECOND WORLD WAR

Then came the second world war. Two of Lew's associates in "All Quiet on the Western Front" joined up. A stunned, shocked Hollywood heard Lew declare: "I am a conscientious objector." — the film city's first.

For a moment there was incredulous silence—then the storm broke round Lew's head. He was scorned, reviled and called a coward. In Canada his films were withdrawn. In America they were boycotted, and Lew went off to a lumber camp at \$8 15s. a week.

After a few months Lew volunteered for non-combatant duties with the Forces, and saw service on the battlefields as a chaplain's assistant.

"I shall never go back to films when this is over," he declared. "I shall enter the Church."

Lew Ayres did neither—and yet, in a way, he did both. For he has just made another remarkable comeback as a director of religious films.

When Lew first announced that he was going to film the religions of the East, there were plenty in Hollywood who scoffed. There aren't many scoffers today. Lew's film, "Altars of the East," is not only now playing to packed audiences—but is sparking off a new interest in religion in what is too often regarded as the "sinful city."

My Hollywood colleague Michael Ruddy, an old friend of Lew's. He saw his mountain-top home being built, he helped Lew lay out the garden, and it was Ruddy that Lew confided his hopes in the first muddled months after the war when he was unsettled and restless. Now let Ruddy take up the story—

"I want to do something important," he told me.

His eyes were narrowed as if gazing at distant heights and horizons. His mouth often tightened and he frankly said: "No thanks, I don't feel like dining with you and Mary. I'd rather be alone. I've got some things to work out."

He absorbed himself in painting—and painted well. Then he told us, his old friends, that he wanted to make a series of documentaries of the world's religions.

INFINITE ENERGY

"I want to show that the main-spring of the strength of any race of people lies in its spirituality," he went on. "I believe that religion is the greatest motive force in the world. It releases man's infinite energy, and I want to show that there is a unity and universality in religions."

Suddenly fired with zeal, he wrote letters to the leaders of religion in various countries but particularly in the East and Far East. To each he explained he would like to travel in various countries, from Egypt to Japan, and photograph in colour the rites and ceremonies of the great religions. He would

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Fire Reveals Underground Reds Active In Brazil

By Haig Nicholson

Rio de Janeiro, Feb. 21.

Explosions and a fire which recently
disturbed the Sunday night peace of the
Rio suburb of Nilopolis did more than
reveal the existence of a secret school for
training Communist agents in subversion
by the use of propaganda and arms.

They provided fresh proof that the
Communists in Brazil, though banned as a
party, are operating actively underground,
and gave Secret Service men fresh leads to
follow up in their war against political
elements working against the interests of
the State.

The school for subversion was
in a wooden shack behind the
house at 500 Soares Neves in
Nilopolis, where David Jansen
de Oliveira lived with his
family.

A former corporal in the
military police, De Oliveira who
had been arrested in 1940 as
one of the organisers of a
railway strike, was named as
head of the school and as one of
the most dangerous Communist
agents in the country. He re-
ceived his orders direct from
the Central Committee of the
Communist Party and was chief
of a network of Communist
agents operating in the State of
Rio de Janeiro.

He was a suspect and actually
under surveillance by a watch-
man in the neighbourhood when
the secrets of the wooden shack
were laid bare by the flames.

High Military Circles

De Oliveira is a radio techni-
cian and neighbours thought
that he used the shack for re-
pairing wireless sets. But the
security authorities revealed
that his real use was to train
young men in "apprenticeship"
in the art of Communist sub-
version.

While the shack was still
smouldering, Secret Service
men started their examination
of its contents. They found
much to interest them. Plainly
visible was a small arsenal of
arms—submachine-guns, rifles,
revolvers, hand grenades and
small arms ammunition of
Russian, American, Swiss,
Swedish and German manu-
facture.

The documentary evidence
unearthed was very varied.

There were, for example, confi-
dential military manuals and
textbooks meant for use only in
the highest military circles.
The particular discovery, which
the security authorities said
provided evidence that "the
Communists were preparing to
disrupt public order in Brazil,"
started enquiries into the
possible association of Army
personnel in De Oliveira's
activities.

Manifestos under the name of
Luiz Carlos Prestes, who directs
Brazil's underground Commu-
nist movement, estimated to have
a strength of about 500,000
members, and newspaper headed:
"The Association for the De-
fence of the Rights of Man"
were also found.

According to newspaper re-
ports, the explosions caused no
casualties apart from two cats
whose bodies were found in a
nearby tree.

Same Story

De Oliveira, who had been
active in efforts to put out the
fire was arrested on the spot,
but in the darkness and con-
fusion he escaped.

His wife, Zeneiro Pereira
Oliveira, an admitted Commu-
nist, his brother-in-law, and
some others were arrested.
They denied any knowledge of
the school for subversion and,
in the words of the police,
"each told the same story as
though rehearsed."

The discovery of De Oliveira's
school won headlines for the
Communists who are regularly
in the news here. The party
was banned in 1947. In 1948,
Luiz Carlos Prestes, in a bid for
a seat in Congress, had received
about 600,000 votes.

Opinion is sharply divided as
to Communist influence in
Brazil. It is known that work-
ing underground, Communists
are active in big cities such as
Rio and Sao Paulo, and have
recognised strongholds in the
poor agricultural states of
Pernambuco and Rio Grande do
Norte, in the northeast of Brazil.

Recife, the capital of Pernam-
buco, has a Communist Mayor.

The Communists openly boast-
ed that they voted for Senhor
Juscelino Kubitschek and Senhor
Joao Goulart in last year's
Presidential elections.

Senhor Kubitschek was elected
President with a majority of
just over 450,000 votes, and
Senhor Goulart had a majority
of slightly less than 200,000 for
the Vice-Presidency.

Stormy Petrel

Both strongly denied that they
had made any agreements with
the Communists.

Carlos Lacerda, stormy petrel
of Brazilian politics, now living
in exile in New York, declared
recently that after their defeat
in Guatemala, "the new Com-
munist approach in Brazil has
proved successful. A new hori-
zon," he added, "is opening in
Latin America for Russia's
streamlined popular-front tac-
tics."—China Mail Special.



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Europe, 6 p.m.
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Aden, Middle East, Italy, Portu-
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China, People's Republic, 10:30 a.m.
Macao, 1 p.m.
Japan, Canada, 2 p.m.
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A party of Berlin local
government representatives,
currently visiting Britain
under the auspices of the
British Foreign Office, last
Wednesday dropped in at
London's Westminster County
Hall. They are pictured here.
From left are: Herr Hermann
Wiedersheim; Herr Fritz
Giersch; Herr Heinrich
Walter; Dr. Walter Klein; Dr.
Hans Mathee and Herr Erwin
Kruiger.—Express Photo.

Police Call In Witch-Doctor

Meru, Kenya, Feb. 21.
Two African police constables
here refused to drive a police
lorry after a series of accidents
until it had been "cleansed" by
a witch-doctor.

The witch-doctor demanded
two goats, and took them out
with the lorry under a large
tree. Alone, he performed a
magic ritual and brought the
lorry back "cleansed".
The bill for the two goats was
sent to the accounts section at
Nairobi police headquarters.
They paid up.—China Mail
Special.

ROMANS FORGOT ABOUT DANTE To Build Monument

Rome, Feb. 21.
Shocked Romans have just discovered that
their Eternal City has no monument to the poet
Dante.

They have found that among
the tens of thousands of statues,
busts, memorial plaques in the
public gardens, piazzas, streets
corners and palaces of Rome,
there is "not one miserable
stone in memory of Italy's
greatest poet"—as one indignant
citizen put it—except an un-
attractive little square, "Piazza
Dante", in one of the uglier
middle class quarters of the
capital.

The result is that Romans are
wholeheartedly supporting a
campaign to raise a national
monument to Dante Alighieri.

Quickly Faded

Their fathers also supported a
campaign for a fitting Dante
memorial half a century ago—in
1904, when members of Parlia-
ment tabled a motion asking for
a government grant to help to
build it. But interest then
quickly faded and nothing was
done.

The present attempt to whip
up enough public enthusiasm in
the project was started by two
very different Italians—Giovanni
Papini, a distinguished novelist,
who was nearly excommunicated
recently, and a nun of noble
birth, Sister Matilde Agnes, of
an order of Oblates whose con-
vent is in Florence.

Both proposed, Papini in
public, the Sister in private, that
Dante be canonised and a monu-
ment raised to his memory.
Sister Matilde said that she
was praying for the beatification,
the first step to canonisation, of
Dante. Papini concentrated the
greater part of his arguments on
the memorial.

Provided Spark

Vatican circles considered it
unlikely that Dante would be
canonised. Experts of the Vati-
can's Congregation of Rites,
which is in charge of beatifica-
tions and canonisations, stated
succinctly: "Dante was a great
Christian, but he had nothing of
the saint."

The Vatican City newspaper,
Osservatore Romano, comment-
ed: "Art is one thing, sanctity
another. Let us not confuse the
two."

Papini and the nun had, how-
ever, provided the spark to set
alight the interest of Italians.
Italians love display of any kind
and the monuments which
Romans and Italians have built
to themselves or others in the
last 2,500 years are famous.

Statues and memories of
different kinds to Cavour, the
19th century statesman who
played one of the most impor-
tant parts in the unification of
Italy 64 years ago, Mazzini, one
of the animators of the insur-
rections which led to the
unification of Italy, and of
Garibaldi, the great soldier-
adventurer, are too numerous to
count in modern Italy.

Not Only Rome

Rome, in particular, is
fabulously rich in memorials to
famous and obscure figures of
the past, from the Emperor
Marcus Aurelius, whose bronze
statue astride a magnificent
horse stands in the centre of the
square, designed by Michel-
angelo, before the Town Hall,
to now-forgotten politicians of
the Risorgimento.

But Dante, whose "Divine
Comedy" is among the world's
great poetical works—Italians
insist that it is unquestionably
the greatest—has been neglected.
And not only by Rome. Even
his native Florence, which exiled
him in 1302, did not get round
to commemorating him in stone
until 1865, 544 years after his
death.

Now, one must search care-
fully in Italy to find statues of
Dante. Apart from the life-size
statue in Florence, which many
critics consider rather poor,
there is one in Naples and one
at Trento, Northern Italy. Then
there are a few piazzas and
streets in various cities named
after Dante. Finally, there is
his tomb at Ravenna, where he
died in exile.

Compensation

In the past, Rome has
honoured such great literary
figures as Goethe, Victor Hugo,
Shelley, Keats and Stendhal
with statues or commemorative
tablets.

For Dante, the Romans are
planning something more than
an unpretentious local memorial.
They want a grandiose National
Monument which will compen-
sate the poet for six centuries
of neglect.—China Mail Special.

Ceylon-China Trade Hits

Snag

Colombo, Feb. 21.
Trade between Ceylon and
China hit a snag today be-
cause of French reluctance
to be the "third party" to a
deal.

Under a bilateral agreement,
China was supposed to buy flour
from France to be shipped to
Ceylon. Delivery of the flour
would offset a growing Chinese
debt to Ceylon under a rubber-
rice trade agreement.

Pressure?

But the French government
was understood to have refused
to issue an export permit for
the shipment of 30,000 tons of
wheat flour to Ceylon.

Ceylonese sources believe that
a big Western power had
brought pressure on France to
withhold the permit.

If China were unable to make
shipments to Ceylon through a
third party, she would be re-
quired to pay in sterling for
Ceylonese products. Otherwise,
Ceylon would have to cut down
on shipments of rubber to
China.—United Press.

SPEEDBOAT RUNS AMOK

Capetown, Feb. 21.
Five thousand spectators at a
regatta off Sea Point, near
Capetown, saw a speedboat
"run amok" with its steering
gear jammed, after the helms-
man had been thrown into the
sea.

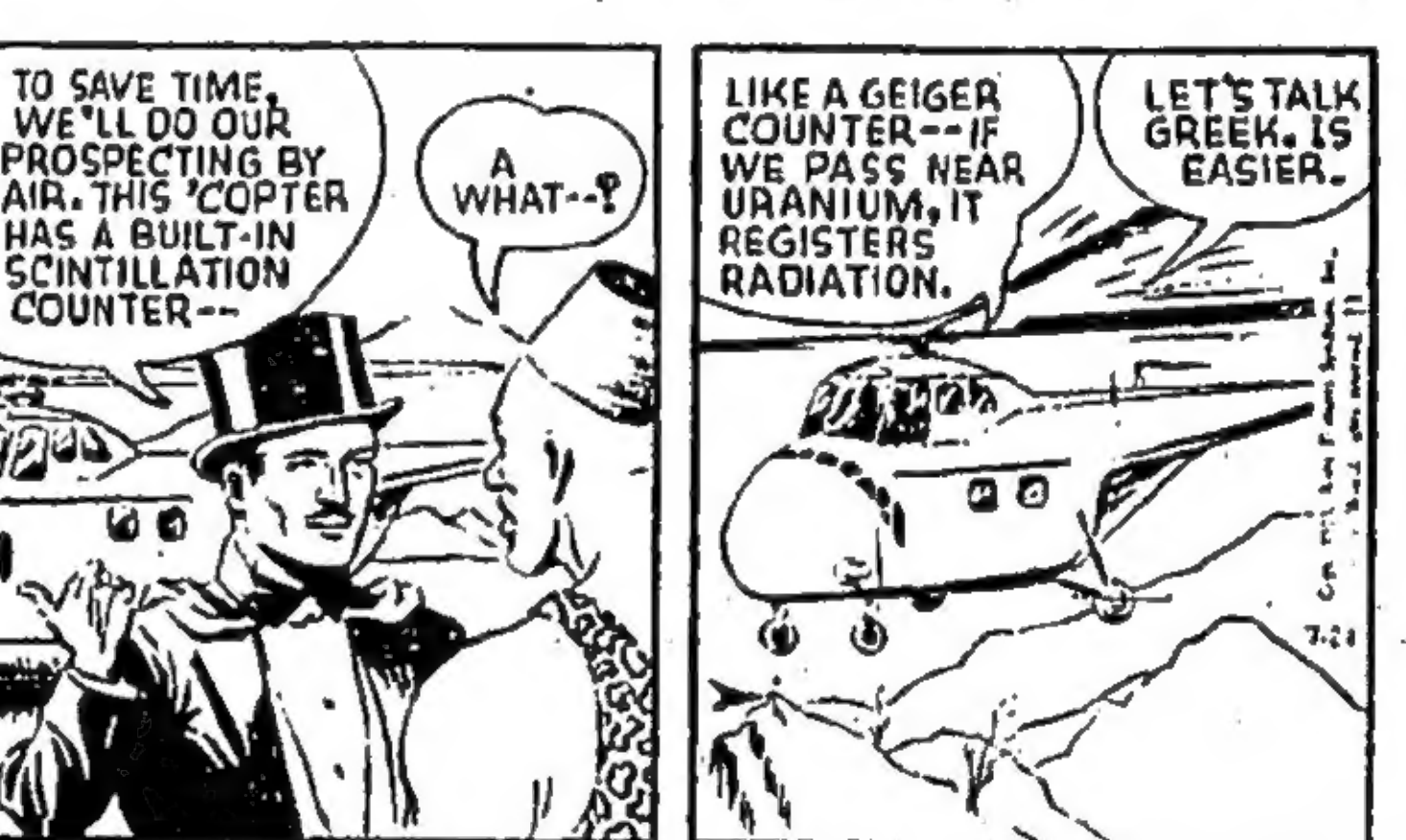
Boats scattered as the run-
away craft careered dangerously
among other competitors and
completed five laps on its own.
It then headed straight for the
rocks.

One of the competitors gave
chase, and, as the boats raced
side by side at 30 knots, the
passenger jammed on to the
steering speedboat and brought
it under control.—China Mail
Special.

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By Lee Falk and Phil Davis



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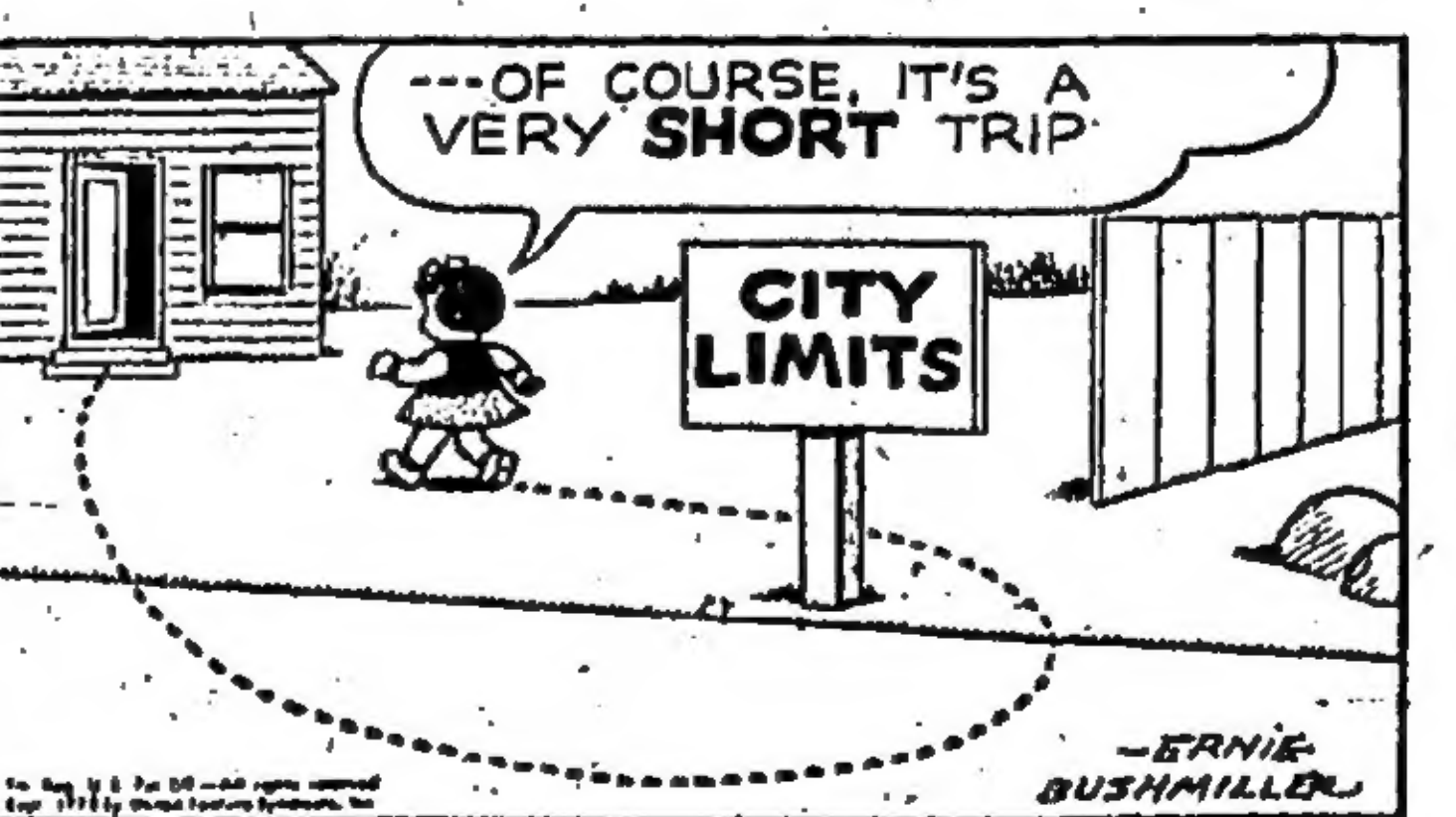
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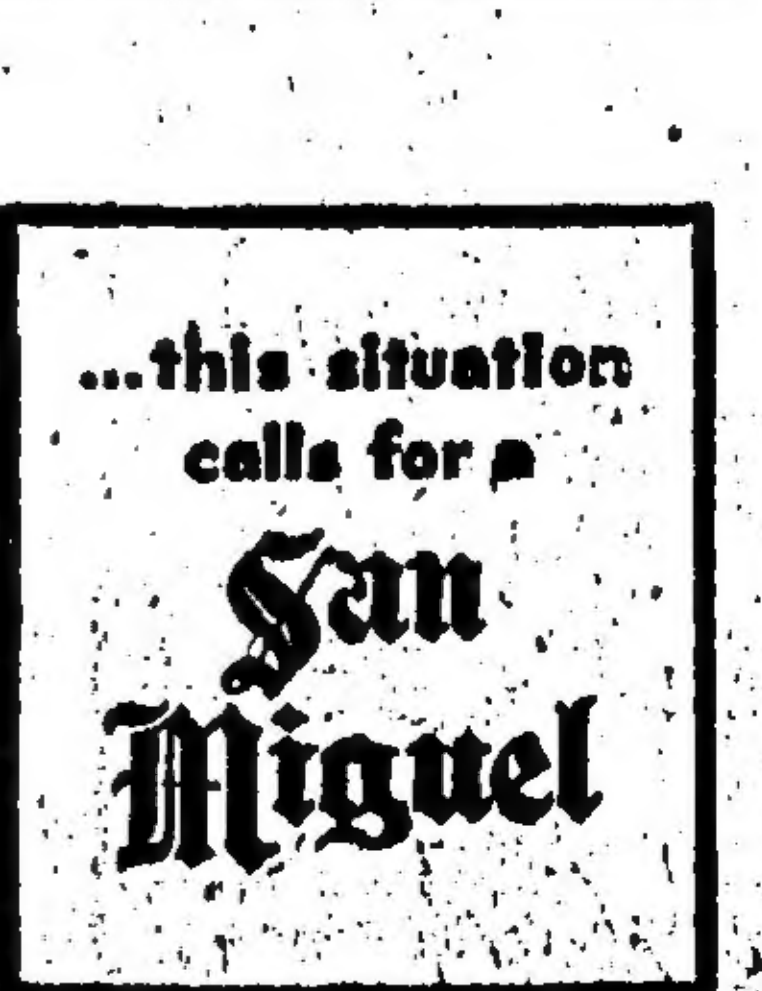
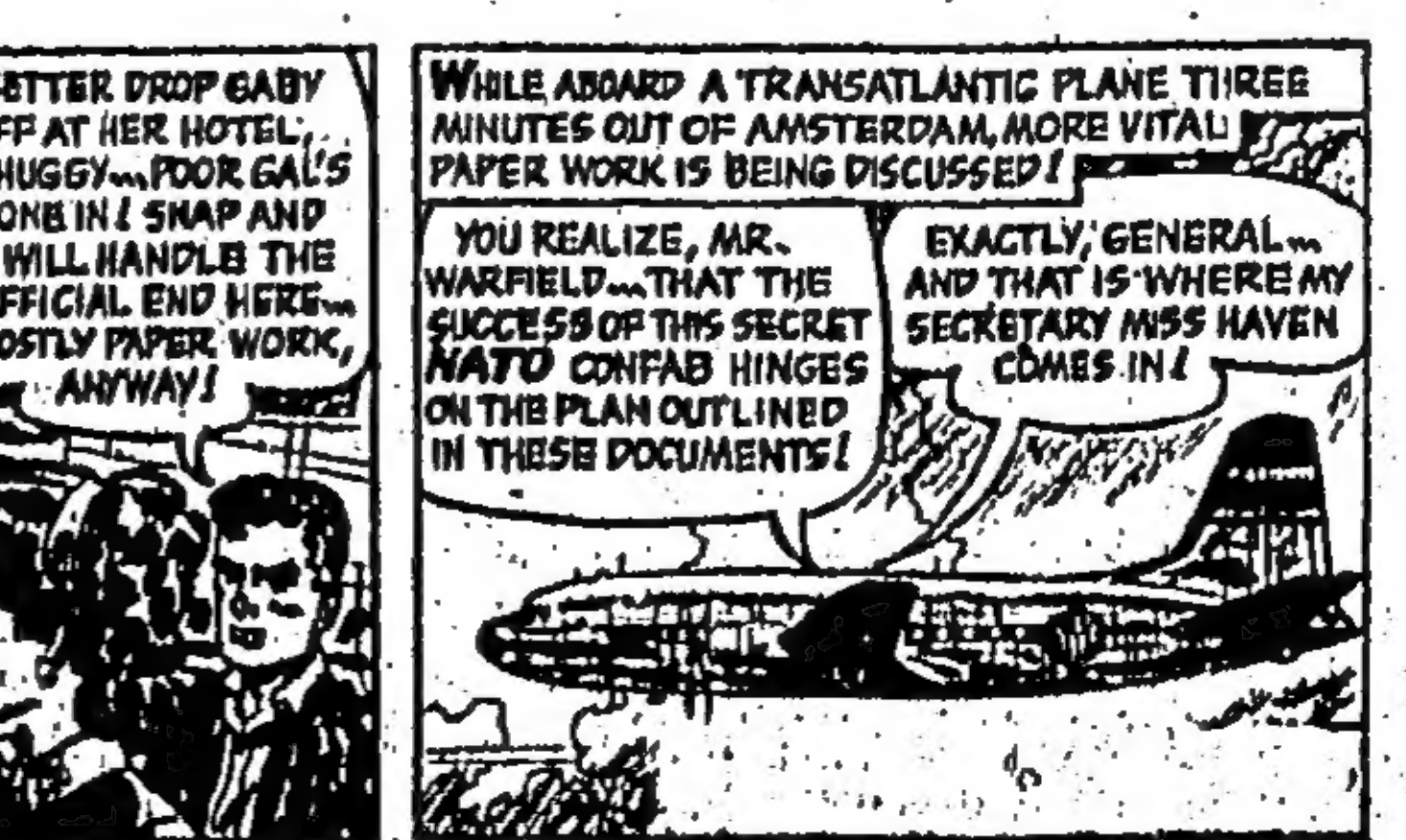
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TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

WORLD RUBBER MARKETS

New York, Feb. 21.
The No. 1 RSS rubber futures today closed 10 points lower to 26 points higher with sales of 195 contracts.

The standard contract closed 10 points lower to 30 points higher with sales of eight contracts.

Pre-holiday evening-up operations between commission houses and dealers accounted for most of the terminal market business. The spot market remained quiet with factory and other consumers marking time.

Shipment offerings from the Far East were plentiful but beyond a workable basis. Traders calculated the local market to be running about 1-1/2 to 1-3/4 cents a pound under a parity with Singapore.

Spot No. 1 RSS was quoted 33 1/2 cents a pound, nominal. Futures:

No. 1 RSS Old	
March	24.20
May	22.75
July	22.15
Sept.	21.75
Dec.	21.00
Standard contract New	
March	22.20
May	20.75
July	20.15
Sept.	19.75
Dec.	19.00

SINGAPORE
The market opened about five cents lower on weak overseas advice, but it was not until the afternoon that liquidation from Federation centres caused fairly heavy selling here.

Towards the close there was trade support and market closed a little steeper. Futures were:

No. 1 rubber per lb.	
March	26 1/2
April	26 1/4
May	26 1/4
June	26 1/4
July	26 1/4
Aug./Sept.	26 1/4
Oct./Nov.	26 1/4
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LONDON
The market was steady with spot quoted at 29 1/2 pence, the lowest since June, 1955. Prices:

No. 1 RSS spot	
Settlement house term	29 1/2
March	29 1/2
April	29 1/2
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AMSTERDAM
The market was steadier. Prices in guilders per kilogram, cif March as follows:

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New Management And Relations Set In France

Paris, Feb. 21.
The Regie Renault, Franco's state-owned motorcar manufacturing firm, is revolutionising relations between management and labour by signing a two-year wage agreement with its 50,000 workers which has set a new pattern for big French industries.

The "Renault Agreement," signed in September 1955, guarantees two salary increases, each of four per cent, in 1956 and 1957 respectively and longer holidays, ranging from three to four weeks according to length of service.

It is a landmark in French industrial relations. Already its main provisions have been written into agreements signed by management and workers in the nationalised French coal-mines, one of France's biggest aircraft building firms, and the Peugeot motor car firm covering 150,000 workers.

General Manager appointed by the Minister for Commerce and Industry, who is head of a Managing Board composed of representatives of the government, management and workers.

This Board meets only three times a year and, apart from formally passing the annual report and accounts, plays little part in running the enterprise.

The Regie has to compete on equal terms with its powerful rivals in the French motorcar industry, notably Citroen, from whom it wrested the position of France's leading vehicle producer in 1948. It receives no state subsidies and raises capital by loans floated at current market rates without government guarantee.

The management is also proud of its achievements in improving working conditions, increased use of safety devices has reduced the rate of accidents for every 100,000 hours of work from 25 in 1947 to 16.6 in 1954.

One Renault worker in five now owns his own car. In 1955, 230 workers at Billancourt, today, there is one for every 20 workers.

The firm has provided housing accommodation for 1,000 families. This includes many modern flats built by the corporation near its new factory at Flins, just outside Paris.

In its own apprentice school it trains 600 boys at a time. Scholarships are offered to promising candidates wishing to graduate in one or other of the national Technical Institutes or Colleges.—China Mail Special.

Within hours of the delivery of the letter, the men were at work once more.

Quarterly Bonuses
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In addition to their hourly and piecework earnings, they receive half of Renault's distributed profits in quarterly bonuses. The other half goes to the state as a dividend.

In this way, a production worker of average length of service received, in 1954, about 50,000 francs (£200)—equivalent to 10 per cent of his earnings.

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HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

(From Our Correspondent)
Business done on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to approximately \$400,000. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:

SHARES BUYERS SELLERS SALES	
Bank	1750 1760 1 1760
East Asia	230
Insurance	0.01
Lombard	0.01
Underwriters	0.10
Shipping	2.00
Waterfront	2.00
Docks, ETC.	
R. What	7.15
Land, ETC.	
HK Land (O)	17.70 17.80 200 17.80
HK Land (N)	0.15 0.15 40 0.15
Humphreys	19.50
Rubber	
A. Rubber	1.00 1.70 6000 1.63
Telephone	3.00 3.00 1000 3.00
Utilities	
Tram	23.20 23.20 700 23.20
Yantai Ferry	103 106
C. Light (N)	10 10 200 10
Electric	4.15 4.15 100 4.15
Macao Elec.	0.00 0.00 100 0.00
Telephone	32 32 100 32
INDUSTRIALS	
Cement	30 30 1000 30
Rope	15
Stores, ETC.	
Dair	17.40 17.80
Watson	12.70
L. Crawford	12.70
COTTONS	
Alfred Corp	5.10 5.40
Allied	5.00

Pilot Strikes
The Renault management points proudly to the excellent relations which it has developed with its workers on a basis of collective bargaining and profit-sharing since the firm was confiscated in 1945 from its founder, Louis Renault, who died in prison while awaiting trial on charges of collaborating with the Germans during the Occupation.

Before and after World War II, Renault's factory in the Paris suburb of Billancourt was a centre of Communist agitation and a testing ground for frequent "pilot" strikes, which often spread throughout the country. But today, although 60 per cent of its employees are members of the Communist-dominated General Confederation of Labour, production has not been stopped by a strike since 1953.

In that year, a stoppage in a single workshop interrupted production throughout the Billancourt factory. After fruitless negotiations, the then President and General Manager of Renault, the late M. Pierre Lefebvre, dictated a letter which was sent to the wife of every striker. It said: "Your husband is imperilling the better pay and conditions he has obtained through nationalisation. Tell him to get back to his job."

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WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY

New York, Feb. 21.
Leading securities and commodity markets throughout the United States will be closed tomorrow in observance of George Washington's birthday.—United Press.

Slow Trading In New York Cotton Futures
New York, Feb. 21.
Narrow price changes and a slow trade featured the situation in cotton futures today.

Holiday-minded traders centred attention on adjustments in the March delivery before first notice day on Thursday.

Nearly May and July deliveries spurted sharply at the close, but elsewhere minor changes were the rule. Closing prices ruled unchanged to up 1/4 to 3/4 points. New Orleans closed up 3 to 25 points.

The New York and New Orleans cotton exchanges will remain closed until Thursday morning for the Washington's birthday observance.

Interest in new crop months was limited and centred mostly on straddling operations between trade accounts. New speculative interest was chilled pending congressional developments on the farm bill.

Leading spot firms were accredited sellers of upward of 15,000 bales in the March delivery just above the 35% cent level.

